

The Hospice Palliative Care Ontario Joan Lesmond Scholarship honours the memory of our friend, colleague, and former board member. Joan was a nurse, educator and a mentor but above all, she was a life-long learner. The scholarship reflects Joan's commitment to life-long learning, mentorship, and community-based hospice palliative care.

The scholarship is valued at \$2000 and includes a full registration to the annual Hospice Palliative Care Ontario conference, accommodations at the conference hotel, transportation costs and a modest cash award. The scholarship is awarded as a package and may not be broken into its component parts or cashed out. The scholarship is non-transferrable.

Nomination Deadline

Applications and nominations for the award are accepted annually until March 1.

Eligibility

- Be a Registered Nurse, Registered Practical Nurse, or Registered Social Worker in Ontario
- Have a minimum of 10 years' experience in hospice palliative care
- Work in a community-based setting

Award Criteria

- Demonstrate a commitment to life-long learning and mentorship
- Demonstrate how they have used their knowledge to contribute to an initiative that improved patient outcomes in their workplace
- Demonstrate how they have used their skills in mentoring their colleagues

Only members of Hospice Palliative Care Ontario may nominate an individual for this scholarship.

Selection Process

HPCO will appoint an adjudication committee to review candidates and recommend the recipient. The recipient will be notified of the scholarship early April.

Presentation

The award will be presented at the Annual Hospice Palliative Care Ontario Conference and the recipient must attend.

Submission Process

Nominations must be submitted electronically via a link provided on the Awards page at www.hpcoco.ca

*Please note HPCO Board of Directors and staff are not eligible.

The following information will be required for the online submission. You may wish to collect the information in advance.

1. Do you/the nominee have a minimum of ten years experience in hospice palliative care?
2. Do you/the nominee work in a community-based setting? (home care provider, long-term care, hospice, other community support service).
3. Please tell us how you/the nominee demonstrates a commitment to long-term learning and mentorship.
4. Please demonstrate how you/the nominee use your/their knowledge to contribute to an initiative that improved patient outcomes.
5. Please demonstrate how you/the nominee use your/their skills in mentoring colleagues.