

This scholarship award is given annually to a Personal Support Worker nominated for excellence in hospice palliative care. The award celebrates Frances Montgomery and her commitment to caring for the dying within her family and extended community. This award acknowledges the invaluable contributions of Personal Support Workers in providing excellent care for the dying, support for families and loved ones, and helping to move quality hospice palliative care forward in Ontario.

The scholarship award is valued at \$1,500 and includes a full registration to the annual Hospice Palliative Care Ontario Conference, a stipend for travel and accommodation, and a one year membership with HPCO. The scholarship is awarded as a package and may not be broken into its component parts or cashed out. The scholarship is non-transferrable.

This award is sponsored by Life and Death Matters [www.lifeanddeathmatters.ca](http://www.lifeanddeathmatters.ca)

### **Nomination Deadline**

Applications and nominations for the award are accepted until April 7, 2023.

### **Eligibility**

To be considered for this award, the nominee must:

- Be a Personal Support Worker (PSW) registered with the PSW registry in Ontario
- Have a minimum of two years' experience in caring for people who are dying and supporting their families/loved ones in the work setting. (This can include those dying over a longer period in Long Term Care, and those dying over a shorter period in a Palliative Care unit)
- Be currently working in any of the following settings: private residence, long-term care, acute care hospital, residential hospice, palliative care unit)
- Integrate principles, practices and philosophy of Hospice Palliative Care in caring for residents/clients and families
- Show respect dignity and compassion for residents/clients, to family and to co-workers
- Demonstrate a commitment and passion for Hospice Palliative Care and to ongoing education
- If a graduate of more than a few years, contributes to leadership and education through mentoring and preceptoring
- Develop, promote, and maintain Palliative Care initiatives in their work environment
- Actively advocate, educate, and support residents, families and staff members on quality palliative care

### **Selection Process**

HPCO will appoint an adjudication committee to review candidates and recommend the recipient. The recipient will be notified of the award by early May.

### **Presentation**

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

### **Submission Process**

Applications/nominations must be submitted electronically via the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LDMPSW2023>

\*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. In 200 words or less, please tell us how the nominee demonstrates excellence in patient care.
2. In 200 words or less, please tell us how the nominee integrates principles, practices, and philosophy of hospice palliative care in caring for clients/residents and families.
3. In 200 words or less, please tell us how the nominee demonstrates a commitment and passion for hospice palliative care and to ongoing education.
4. If the nominee is a graduate of more than two years, please tell us how the nominee contributes to leadership and education through mentoring and preceptoring; develops, promotes, and maintains Palliative Care initiatives in their work environment; and/or actively advocates, educates, and supports residents, families and staff members on quality hospice palliative care
5. Optionally, you may also upload any other documentation you feel supports the nomination. Please combine files into a single pdf.