



REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES' FOUNDATION INC.

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The Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation, Inc. (RPNF) is off to a productive start to the fall season!

Our Fall 50/50 raffle has just kicked off and the draw date is Monday, December 16th at 1 PM. The pot is growing fast so get your ticket at raffle.link/rpnf.

The 2024 – 2025 RPNF Scholarships & Grants opened for applications October 1, 2024! See below and visit rpnf.ca/scholarships for more information.

RPNF 2024 – 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

RPNF Graduate Scholarship

This scholarship may be awarded to a graduate psychiatric nurse, registered in Canada, who is pursuing relevant studies at a masters or doctoral level. Minimum value \$1000. Apply at rpnf.ca/scholarships/national-scholarships/rpnf-graduate-scholarship

RPNF Undergraduate (4th Year) Scholarship

This scholarship may be awarded to two - 4th year students enrolled in a psychiatric nursing education program in Canada. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Minimum value \$500. Apply at rpnf.ca/scholarships/national-scholarships/rpnf-undergraduate-scholarship-4thyear

RPNF Undergraduate (3rd Year) Scholarship

This scholarship may be awarded to two - 3rd year students enrolled in a psychiatric nursing education program in Canada. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Minimum value \$500. Apply at rpnf.ca/scholarships/national-scholarships/rpnf-undergraduate-scholarship-3rd-year

RPNF 2024 – 2025 GRANTS

RPNF Marlene Fitzsimmons Grant

Dr. Marlene Fitzsimmons was a longtime leader in clinical practice at the Brandon Mental Health Centre and in the community psycho-social rehabilitation program. She was the founder and first president of the RPNF. Dr. Fitzsimmons was the first registered psychiatric nurse to receive an honorary doctoral degree from a Canadian University (Brandon University).

This grant may be awarded to an RPN registered in Canada who is enrolled in a relevant certificate course, or who has been accepted as a presenter at a conference that requires them to travel. Minimum value \$500. Apply at rpnf.ca/scholarships/grants/rpnf-marlene-fitzsimmons-grant

RPNF Indigenous* Studies Grant

In an effort to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities, and in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration, the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Foundation (RPNF) is responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Call to Action - Recommendation #24 ** by offering an **Indigenous Studies Grant**.

The RPNF shares the view that all professionals and students require education in Indigenous cultural awareness.

This grant is awarded to a Registered Psychiatric Nurse in Canada who can show evidence of engagement in Indigenous cultural learning relevant to the TRC's Call to Action. Activities include, but are not limited to, formal coursework, attendance at ceremony, or ongoing learning from Indigenous communities. This grant will be awarded to those who are not able to access the cost of learning through other means such as their employer/regional health authority or union. Expenses shall be reimbursed to a





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maximum of \$300.00.

Applicants will be expected to describe how the funds will be used, the learning they are (or will) undertake, their goals in undertaking the learning, and how they plan to use what is learned in their practice.

** The RPNF seeks to use the most inclusive language that respects and acknowledges diverse identities. The term Indigenous is used here to encompass the Indigenous population in Canada collectively, which includes over 600 distinct First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities. We will work to update our language whenever necessary to reflect and honour any changes that may impact equity, diversity, inclusion, accessibility, decolonization, and Indigenization.*

*** TRC Call to Action #24 – We call upon medical and nursing schools in Canada to require all students to take a course dealing with Aboriginal Health issues, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, and Indigenous teachings and practices. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.*

In order to be eligible, learning activities must occur between September 1 of the year prior to the award, and August 31 of the year the award is made. Repeat applications can be made but preference is given to applicants who have not received this award in the past. Evidence of expenditure will be required. Apply at rpnf.ca/scholarships/grants/indigenous-studies-grant

The RPNF would like to sincerely thank its generous donors for supporting RPNF scholarships and grants.

WIN BIG and SUPPORT the RPNF!

You can make a difference to mental health services and research by buying an RPNF 50/50 ticket! The Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation (RPNF) is a non-profit organization that promotes excellence in psychiatric nursing education, clinical practice, leadership and research. Proceeds from this raffle fund scholarships and grants that support current and up-and-coming psychiatric nurses in their education and research in the field of mental health and addictions.

Buy your ticket at raffle.link/rpnf !



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A sincere thank-you to our Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation Donors who make these Scholarships and Awards possible. Go to <https://www.rpnf.ca/support-the-foundation/donations> to learn how you can support the RPNF.

