

## **Student Award**

The Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Social Workers Student Award is presented annually to a member of the BSW graduating class at Memorial University of Newfoundland. The recipient of this convocation award is a student who has demonstrated a high level of practice competence during both field practica and a commitment to the social work profession. The commitment to the social work profession could be demonstrated through active participation in professional activities with student and community organizations.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Recipients must be eligible for graduation in the year in which the nomination is submitted
- Recipients must have an overall grade point average of at least 3.5

### Selection Criteria:

Recipients are selected based upon:

- 1) a high level of practice competence at an entry level as demonstrated throughout both field practica evidenced by:
  - a. application of social work skills
    - i. Successfully engages with clients, community, staff
    - ii. High degree of critical and analytical thinking
    - iii. Successfully applies social work theory to practice
  - b. Understanding of social work ethics and its relation to practice
    - i. Demonstrates adherence to the values and ethical principles of the profession and promotes respect for the values
  - c. Demonstrates a good understanding of the diversity and scope of social work practice
- 2) Commitment to the social work profession throughout their time in the BSW program as evidenced by the criteria above and :
  - a. Contributes to the positive image of the social work profession in their student role
  - b. Involvement in the social work student community
  - c. Contribution to the broader community utilizing social work skills

#### Nomination process:

- a) Written nominations are accepted from field instructors, faculty, staff or per course instructors from the Memorial University School of Social Work.
- b) Nominations are submitted to the BSW Promotion Committee to the attention of the Student Services Co-ordinator
- c) If the primary nominator is not a field instructor then a letter of support from the field instructor who supervised the final field placement must be submitted
- d) deadline for nominations is March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year
- e) written nominations are reviewed by a committee consisting of representatives from NLASW and the School of Social Work
- f) nominators are informed of the decision of the committee in writing
- g) the recipient is informed in writing and approves the written and photo submission in publications of NLASW and the School of Social Work
- h) the award is presented at the time of convocation.

#### Role of Nominators:

- a) informs the student of the intent to nominate and obtains consent
- b) submits the written nomination
- c) co-ordinates submission of letter(s) of support
- d) acts as the contact for the selection committee during deliberations and following the decision

#### Selection Committee:

The selection committee consists of the following members:

- a) BSW Field Education Co-ordinator
- b) Representative of NLASW Board of Directors
- c) Faculty member serving on the BSW Promotions Committee

A representative of the School of Social Work Promotions Committee provides the coordinating function for the Student Award selection committee.

A member who nominates an individual for the NLASW Student Award abstains from voting as per the NLASW Conflict of Interest Policy.

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