



NATALIE BUBELA NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2026

DEADLINE: June 26, 2026– 4 pm

Application & Guidelines

Purpose

The Huntsville Hospital Foundation is pleased to support the continued education of current and future nurses. Effective immediately, the Foundation has established the Natalie Bubela Nursing Scholarship, in honour of Natalie Bubela who served as Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC)'s President and CEO from January 2011 to December 2021, and strongly supported the work of the Huntsville Hospital Foundation. This tribute recognizes Natalie's 46 years of dedication to the nursing profession, celebrates Natalie's strong commitment to mentorship, coaching, and acknowledges the value she places on the professional development of nurses

Natalie began her hospital career as a point of care Registered Nurse, distinguishing herself as a strong clinical nurse specialist in Oncology, a patient advocate and a leader. Progressive senior executive health care leadership roles culminated in her appointment as MAHC's President and CEO where she emanated strength, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to healthcare.

"Throughout my career I was blessed to be able to access education and professional development and also understand firsthand the budgetary challenges of academic studies," says Bubela. "Continuing education is always something I championed at MAHC, and I also recognize the need for more people to enter the nursing profession or grow their nursing career, and the value of nursing specialization. I am extremely humbled and touched that the Foundation is creating a scholarship award for nursing education in my name and feel privileged to be part of shaping future nurses."

Natalie Bubela

Criteria for Selection of Candidates

Through the Natalie Bubela Scholarship Award, the Huntsville Hospital Foundation will support the annual scholarship totaling \$5,000 each year for five years to assist MAHC staff in their academic pursuits.

Although this scholarship is sponsored by HHF, it is open to any employee of MAHC who is currently enrolled in post-secondary studies in one of the following programs:

- Practical Nursing Diploma
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)
- Nurse Practitioner
- Specialized nursing certification program (eg. *Critical Care Nursing, Emergency Nursing, OP Program*)

The applicant must be enrolled in one of the above noted programs between September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026.

Individuals may apply each year for the duration of the fund, and there is no limit to the number of times a recipient may receive scholarship funding.

Selection Process

A Natalie Bubela Nursing Scholarship Award Panel will review all applications and recommend to the Huntsville Hospital Foundation Board a recommended recipient or recipients each year for the duration of the fund. The panel will consist of the following individuals:

- HH Foundation CEO
- HH Foundation Board Member
- HH Foundation Operations & Gift Planning Manager, non-voting
- MAHC Vice President, Integrated Care, Patient Services, Quality & Chief Nursing Executive
- MAHC Associate Vice President, People, Communications, Stakeholder Relations & Chief Human Resources Officer
- MAHC Corporate Education Coordinator

Application Requirements & Check List

- ☐ *Currently employed by Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, working at the Huntsville site*
- ☐ *Currently enrolled in a recognized post-secondary school for: Practical Nursing Diploma, BScN, Nurse Practitioner program, or specialized nursing certification program with a start date between September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026.*
- ☐ *Proof of admission and tuition statement*
- ☐ *Completed Scholarship Application Form*
- ☐ *Impact Statement (1 page max)*
- ☐ *One current letter of reference from a supervisor outlining why the applicant is deserving of the Natalie Bubela Scholarship Award*

Tips for Creating an Impact Statement:

Start your impact statement with a description of why you are applying for funding in simple terms, explaining it to someone with no knowledge of your education, experience and professional development goals. Express the challenges you've had and how this scholarship support will help, this provides context for the audience for the impact statement.

Make a simple declarative statement of the goal, immediately after the situation. *"The goal of my continued education is to . . ."* (some writers may find it more productive to begin the writing process with this sentence and then describe the situation).

Quantitative measures of change make an impact statement memorable, even if they are based on assumptions (which you state clearly). *"Assuming I successfully complete all required courses, a number of opportunities can open up for me."* Keep your sentences short; if you have used a semi-colon, you've probably said too much.

Presentation of Scholarship

Presentation will be made at a Huntsville Hospital Foundation board meeting.

From the date of application, the successful candidate has twelve (12) months to submit proof of enrolment and payment in an applicable program at which time scholarship payment will be granted the amount.

How do I apply?

Applications are available from Huntsville Hospital Foundation or available online at huntsvillehospitalfoundation.ca

Application Deadline

Each submission must be accompanied by a completed application form and the other requirements outlined on the check list. Completed application forms and all supporting documents must be submitted by **4:00 pm on June 26, 2026**. Chosen recipients will be notified of their award when selections are made.

Forward all applications and inquiries to;

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T: 705-789-4756 F: 705-789-GIVE
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Staff Application Form

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Please complete and/or qualify the following. Additional pages may be attached if required.

Applicant's Given Name		Applicant's Surname	
Telephone (home)		Social Insurance Number	
Email			
Address			
Position	Department	Work Contact Number	
Full Time: <input type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No	Casual: <input type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No	Part-time (.5 FTE): <input type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No	
Name of Educational Institution		Program Cost	
Program of studies	Start date	Length of Study	
Have you applied for or received funding from another source: Yes / No			
If Yes, please indicate source and amount received:			
Please list any additional hospital activities you've been involved in beyond your daily routine (committees, projects)			
Manager/Supervisor Name (print)		Manager/Supervisor Phone Number/Ext	
Manager/Supervisor signature			

I hereby grant permission to the Huntsville Hospital Foundation Scholarship Committee to contact my supervisor to request further information about me if they see fit.

If I am successful, I give Huntsville Hospital Foundation permission to make public my award.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

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Check List

- ☐ Tuition Application Form
- ☐ Admission Proof and Tuition Statement
- ☐ Impact Statement
- ☐ One Letter of Reference