

Canadian Senior Living Sector Operators Relief Fund Launches Bursary Program 07-15-22

The Senior Living CaRES Fund launches education bursaries program for front-line sector workers across Canada

TORONTO, July 15, 2022 - The Senior Living CaRES Fund (the Fund), founded in May 2020 by Chartwell Retirement Residences, Revera Inc., Extendicare and Sienna Senior Living, announces the launch of the application process for front-line senior living sector employees (casual, part-time or full-time) of a senior living operator in Canada to receive education bursaries to advance their careers in the senior living sector.

“As COVID-19 moves into the endemic phase, the Fund is offering up to 100 bursaries worth \$2,500 each for employees to pursue relevant educational opportunities. Employees are the bedrock of Canada’s senior living sector, and this program is an investment in their futures”, says Hazel McCallion, Honorary Chair of the Fund. “Over these past two years of the pandemic, employees continued to provide exceptional care under trying circumstances. I’m delighted that the Fund is offering bursaries to advance the careers of sector workers.”

Applicants must be a front-line employee (casual, part-time or full-time) of a senior living operator in Canada, employed for at least three months at a long-term care or retirement home as of the application date, and are invited to apply regardless of who their employer is. The Fund is accepting applications for bursaries from July 15, 2022, to September 7, 2022, and applications will be reviewed through a blind evaluation committee made up of volunteers of the Fund. More information about how to apply is available at seniorlivingcares.ca.

The Fund welcomes the participation of all operators as partners. Interested operators can email info@seniorlivingcares.ca.

An Initiative for the Future

As a registered charity, the Fund continues post-COVID-19 with its mandate to support employees in Canada’s senior living sector.

In 2022, the Fund will distribute up to 100 bursaries, each worth \$2,500, to front-line Canadian senior living sector employees to pursue relevant post-secondary education opportunities to

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advance their careers. The bursaries augment existing government programs benefiting clinical staff.

As the Fund evolves, it will always be rooted in the history of COVID-19 so that Canadians will never forget the heroic contributions and the resiliency of those that cared for our country's most vulnerable.

About The Senior Living CaRES Fund

The Fund was established in May 2020 by founding partners Chartwell Retirement Residences, Revera Inc., Extendicare and Sienna Senior Living to provide financial support to Canada's senior living sector employees facing exceptional circumstances. Since May 2020, over 870 senior living sector employees across the country have received more than \$2.9 million in emergency financial assistance.

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