

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

UPSE Bursary Program (Apply Now)

UPSE is once again opening our Bursary Program to UPSE members, spouses or dependants, who are in full-time attendance at an accredited College or University. You are invited to submit an application for one of the bursaries that UPSE awards annually. Twelve of the bursaries are **\$500** and one, the Laurie Jenkins Memorial, is valued at **\$1000** as well as another valued at **\$1000**.

UPSE is proud to offer this support as part of its ongoing efforts to promote the importance of life-long learning and education. In order to qualify, recipients must be enrolled full-time at an accredited post-secondary institution. Bursaries are available for both in-province and out-of-province studies. Both the bursaries and the scholarship are for the second semester (after Christmas) and are awarded on the basis of approved criteria.



To be eligible, applicants must be employed by one of UPSE's bargaining units and be a member in good standing (or be a spouse or dependant of a member in good standing). Applicants must be enrolled as full-time students at a post-secondary institution during the current academic year. An **official, sealed transcript (no photocopies)** of the applicants last set of marks should also be included. Students attending Holland College or other institutions that do not use traditional marking systems **must** include Grade 12 marks and an evaluation from a college official.

The UPSE Public Relations and Recreation/Convention Committee will base its decision regarding the bursaries on three factors. They are – in order of importance:

- 1) Academic ability**
- 2) UPSE involvement** *(as it relates to the applicant or to the UPSE member of whom the applicant is a spouse/dependant)*
- 3) Financial need**

A fourth factor - **community involvement** - will determine the top award winner for the **Laurie Jenkins Memorial Scholarship**.

Applications are reviewed using a "blind test" procedure whereby Committee members are not provided with any identifying information about an applicant. The Public Relations Committee selects the successful recipients of the bursaries and/or the scholarship from the applications received. The awards are usually presented over the Christmas break.

All applications must be received by: **December 10, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.** Application forms are available at the UPSE office or on the Union's website at (www.peiupse.ca).

Please note: failure to meet the criteria provided in this description may result in the committee ruling your application ineligible. No application will be considered without an official, sealed transcript, and all questions must be answered.

Snow Clearing Tender

- Please submit tenders for a seasonal contract agreement for the 2021/22 Winter Season.
- The services will include snow removal from UPSE's upper and lower parking lots by 7:30 a.m., as well as shoveling, sanding and salting of entrance areas.
- Return visits may be required on the same day depending on conditions.
- Preference will be given to members and the lowest tender may not necessarily be accepted.



Please send tenders by
4:30 p.m., November 15/2021 to:

*Union of Public Sector Employees
c/o Kevin Gotell, Secretary Treasurer,
4 Enman Crescent, Charlottetown, PE
C1E 1E6*

UPSE Education Going Strong!

UPSE's education efforts are based on the premise that the courses we offer must be practical and meaningful to our members. During the past year we have updated all UPSE courses. Keep your eye on The Accent and our Facebook, Twitter, and web page for future course offerings!

UPSE members recently attended a course on the **Prevention of Violence in the Workplace**. Violence in the workplace is a serious issue and a reality for many UPSE members.

The course looks at the definitions of harassment and workplace violence; the extent the employer is accountable for a worker's health and safety; and what can be done to reduce incidents of workplace violence.

UPSE also held its **Planning the Future/Financial Management** course recently in Charlottetown. Presenters discussed pensions, investing, insurance and health care protection.

The course helps members interested in securing financial health for themselves and their loved ones.

