



MIDWIVES ASSOCIATION of BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Students,

We are delighted to announce an opportunity for UBC Midwifery undergraduate students to receive financial support from the MABC. We have redirected a total of \$5000 from our 2020 budget (unspent due to COVID-19 restrictions) and developed six awards intended to acknowledge the financial burdens of pursuing midwifery training. We intend for these awards to be available annually, depending on available funds.

The goal of these awards is to support BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Colour) midwifery students, students pursuing rural and remote clinical placements, and students experiencing financial need, irrespective of any experiences or accomplishments. The award process has been designed intentionally to be as low-barrier as possible, recognizing the workload that student midwives already carry, and the reality that not all students have the same time or capacity to engage in extracurricular activities and completing award applications. The MABC Awards Committee also recognizes that conventional adjudication processes and judgments of relative merit have the potential to uphold (and reward) existing norms and power structures that contradict the spirit of this funding. For these reasons, we are not requiring an application essay and will be distributing these awards by a lottery system.

The deadline for submitting your application (see link below) October 14 at 12:00 pm.

Winners will be selected and notified on October 15.

If you have any questions or require assistance with your application, please contact **Amanda Steele**, MABC Executive Assistant at amanda.steele@bcmidwives.com

CRITERIA:

- These awards are meant to acknowledge financial burdens on students pursuing midwifery training at UBC. While all students are eligible to apply for these awards (per the specific requirements of each category), we particularly encourage applications from students who are experiencing financial need.
- A given student may only receive one of the following awards in a single year. Students are encouraged to apply for as many of the awards as they are eligible.
- Recipients of the BIPOC Student and MIDW 350/380 awards will be determined first, and the equipment subsidies second.
- Students who receive either a BIPOC Student or MIDW350/380 award will be considered ineligible for the equipment subsidy and removed from the pool prior to selection.
- To support as many UBC Midwifery students as possible with this MABC funding opportunity, students are only eligible to receive the BIPOC Student or MIDW 350/MIDW 380 award ONCE during their tenure at UBC Midwifery. However, students who are not successful in the 2020 competition are welcome to reapply for these awards in subsequent years, should funding permit repeated offerings.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

BIPOC Student Awards: Two awards of \$1125 each

Any student identifying as BIPOC is eligible to apply. Award recipients will be determined by lottery from the pool of eligible applicants.

MIDW 350/MIDW 380 (Interprofessional Placement and/or Midwifery in Special Contexts) Awards: Two awards of \$1125 each

These awards recognize the expenses and relative funding gaps experienced by students pursuing third year interprofessional placements in Northern and rural communities. Any student intending as of October 2020 to participate in an interprofessional placement (MIDW 350) in a Northern or rural community, and/or a Midwifery in Special Contexts (MIDW 380) placement during the 2020/21 academic year is eligible to apply. Award recipients will be determined by lottery from the pool of eligible applicants.

Midwifery Equipment Subsidy Awards: Two awards of \$250 each

Financial support for students to purchase necessary equipment (blood pressure cuff, stethoscope) for midwifery training. To support as many UBC Midwifery students as possible with this MABC funding, students who have been selected for the BIPOC Student or MIDW 350/380 awards will not also be eligible to receive the equipment subsidy in 2020.

To complete the application form, click **HERE**