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- Employees are the heart of Canada’s senior living sector. Their passion, commitment and resilience while caring for the most vulnerable – especially in the face of the devastating effects of COVID-19 – has been nothing short of heroic. Over the past two years, they continued to provide compassionate care to seniors while many were also experiencing the challenging effects of the pandemic in their personal lives. Each day, they continue to come to work with a sense of duty to the residents they support because they genuinely care.
- The Senior Living CaRES Fund (the Fund) was established in May 2020 with a two-million-dollar donation from its founding partners Chartwell Retirement Residences, Revera Inc., Extendicare and Sienna Senior Living.
- In 2021, the Fund welcomed Southbridge Care Homes as a Platinum sponsor and OMNI Health Care as a Gold sponsor and received financial support for the RBC Foundation and the Canadian Alliance to Protect and Equip Seniors Living.
- As a registered charity, the Fund continues post-COVID-19 with its mandate to support employees in Canada’s senior living sector.
- Open to all front-line employees in the senior living sector across Canada and inspired by their dedication and commitment during COVID-19, in 2022 the Fund has shifted from crisis funding for economic hardship to bursaries for senior living sector workers to pursue relevant post-secondary educational opportunities to advance their careers.
- From July 15, 2022, to September 7, 2022, submissions are welcome for 100 bursaries worth \$2,500 each, for a total of \$250,000. Up to 1,000 applications will be accepted, so apply now.
- Applications undergo a blind evaluation by a volunteer committee.



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- The Fund will provide wrap-around supports, for example free webinars, which will assist bursary recipients in their education journey while they balance continued employment in the sector. There is no cost for bursary recipients to participate.
- Applicants must be an 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. Applicants are invited to apply, regardless of who their employer is.
- Managers are encouraged to share information about the Fund with employees. Please reach out to info@seniorlivingcares.ca to receive an employee communications toolkit.
- Importantly, regardless of their employer's participation, all casual, part-time or full-time front-line employees of a senior living operator in Canada are invited to apply.
- The Fund continues to welcome the participation of all operators as partners. Interested operators can email info@seniorlivingcares.ca to join in supporting senior living sector employees advance their careers.

2022 Key Dates

Applications Open July 15, 2022

Applications Close September 7, 2022