



# British Columbia Schizophrenia Society Victoria Branch

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## Memorial Fund Criteria

**Please read carefully before filling out attached application. Thank you.**

**Purpose:** The primary purpose of the Memorial Fund is to provide financial assistance to family members of and/or individuals suffering from schizophrenia or another serious & persistent mental illness, where there is an established need. **Applications for funding may be considered in the following circumstances:**

- Family Members: Compassionate needs which arise as a result of their role as caregiver for an individual with a serious and persistent mental illness.
- Individuals with schizophrenia or another serious and persistent mental illness:
  - a) Continuing education or training;
  - b) Established and organized recreational activities and supplies
  - c) Compassionate needs (at the discretion of the committee)

### Eligibility Criteria:

- The amount of funding for each application will not exceed the amount approved by the committee.
- A new application form has to be submitted for any additional funding requests (not exceeding the lifetime limit—see below).
- **Funding for an individual, upon approval, will only be provided up to, and not exceeding, the maximum lifetime limit of \$500.**
- Funds are paid directly to the institution or supplier and not to the individual.
- Self-referrals are not considered. An individual must be referred (see Referral information below).
- Once the BCSS Victoria Branch office has received the application, all applicants will be contacted to attend a short, information interview with the Memorial Fund Committee.
- Applicants must reside on Southern Vancouver Island
- Applications for Internet courses or for courses outside of BC will not be considered.
- The Memorial Fund does not supply emergency funding. Please allow for a four-week processing period.

### Referral Information:

An applicant can collect an application form from the BCSS Victoria Branch office or download it and print it off our website [www.bcssvictoria.ca](http://www.bcssvictoria.ca). The completed form should be returned with a letter of referral from a professional in the medical or mental health field (e.g. case manager, family doctor, psychiatrist etc.). Failure to do so will negate the application.

*Under no circumstances will any money that has been entrusted with the society for the Memorial Fund be used for any other purpose.*

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