

Local Government Scholarships

The Board of Examiners administers two scholarship programs:

1) *The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Commemorative Scholarship Program*

This is a provincially funded scholarship program established in 1980 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the UBCM. The program provides financial assistance to persons working in local government in the province who:

- a. are taking courses leading to certification and / or
- b. wish to upgrade their professional skills through enrolment in post-secondary courses of study and / or attendance at other courses relating to local government administration.

2) *The Jeff McKelvey Scholarship Program*

In 1986, the UBCM established this program upon the retirement of the late Jeff McKelvey, who served as Executive Director of the UBCM for 14 years. Any local employee is eligible to receive an award from this fund to assist in improving job skills.

Applications for the *UBCM Commemorative Scholarship Program* and the *Jeff McKelvey Scholarship Program* may be obtained by contacting the Board of Examiner's office in Victoria at boe@hq.marh.gov.bc.ca or phone 250-387-4053. Toll free through Enquiry BC: 1-800-663-7867.

The Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia administers the following scholarship funds:

1) *James R. Craven MATI 1 Scholarship Fund*

The purpose of this fund is to provide assistance to those attending the Municipal Administration Training Institute (MATI) 1. Application included with MATI 1 registration.

Contact: Local Government Management Association of BC
737 Fort St. , Victoria, BC V8W 2V1
Telephone: 250-383-7032
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The Local Government Management Association administers the following scholarship programs:

1) The Grant Anderson Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of the Grant Anderson Memorial Scholarship is to encourage those students with an interest in local government administration, local government law and governance, and in planning and land-use law to pursue post-secondary education in one of those fields. The value of this annual scholarship will be up to \$1,000, and will be paid in two equal installments upon proof of registration at a post-secondary institution in one of the approved subject areas.

For detailed information about this scholarship, please see attached.

2) Municipal Administration Training Institute (MATI) 2 and 3 - Course Scholarships

Scholarships for the MATI 2 and MATI 3 courses are available. More information is available from the Board of Examiners Commemorative Scholarship Program. Please contact:

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In addition to the sources listed above, many employers offer financial support for professional development. Individuals are encouraged to find out what support may be available in their own municipality or regional district.



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