

Dr. Donna Wilson Caregiver Award 2021 – Criteria

About this Scholarship

AHPCA created the Donna Wilson Caregiver Award in 2017, thanks to a generous donation from Walter Burchnall. The award honours AHPCA board member, Donna Wilson, for her continued years of work in hospice, palliative and end-of-life care, and for the support she provided Walter Burchnall during his own health crisis.

Purpose

- This annual award is given to an unpaid or informal caregiver (it could be family, friend, or relative) in the amount of \$500.

Criteria

- Nominees must live in Alberta.
- The nominator may be an individual or group.
- The palliative care given by the nominee took place within the last year or is currently ongoing (June 2020 - current).
- **Specific Selection Criteria** that the award will be judged on is:
 - **Independence and Dignity:** The nominee demonstrates commitment to ensuring the individual receiving care has a quality of life and level of dignity that is above the standard of others affected by similar circumstances.
 - **Caregiver Contribution:** The nominee demonstrates that s/he has committed continuing time to ensure the needs of the person are met (including actions that have contributed to quality of care).
 - **Compassion and Perseverance:** The nominee demonstrates passion, empathy and a strong desire to alleviate the suffering of the person requiring care.
- Nominees can only receive the award once but can be nominated multiple times.
- AHPCA staff, board members, and their relatives are not eligible to apply

Process

- The nominator must submit the completed nomination form.

- The nominator must verify that the nominee is aware of the nomination and willing to consent to share his or her story on the AHPCA website, newsletter and social media.
- Each application must include a written statement containing details about the specific criteria above and explaining why the nominee deserves the award.

Selection

- AHPCA will review all applications based on the selection criteria.
- If two or more nominees qualify based on the specific selection criteria, a draw may be used to determine the award recipient.
- The final selection will be approved by the Finance Committee. The Committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The scholarship will be awarded in the autumn of 2021.
- Successful applicants are expected to take part in AHPCA publicity (such as our website, newsletter, social media, and local press).

Submissions

- Nominators should complete the application form and submit by the deadline of **Friday October 29, 2021**
- Mailed applications and emails that are dated after the deadline will not be accepted.