

Women in Municipal Government Bursary

The Women in Municipal Government Bursary will be awarded to a woman pursuing a career in municipal politics in Alberta. The award will cover costs (up to \$1000.00) associated with education/professional development (with the submission of appropriate receipts or invoices).

The bursary is awarded by the AUMA Women in Municipal Government Committee. The Committee's mandate is to raise awareness of the importance of women in governance and to strengthen the participation of women in the democratic process.

Criteria and Selection:

To be eligible for consideration for the AUMA Women in Municipal Government Bursary, an applicant must be a female who is considering entering into municipal politics or is an elected municipal official.

The bursary can be applied to:

- Programs of study leading to a diploma, degree or professional accreditation;
- Enrolling in short courses, workshops or seminars related to politics;
- AUMA Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) courses;
- Joining a relevant professional association or attending association sponsored activities.

Applications must be accompanied by:

- A cover letter outlining:
 - political aspirations;
 - reasons for applying for the bursary;
 - how the bursary will help in the achievement of established goals;
 - information on the educational/professional development opportunity the bursary will be applied to;
- An essay (minimum of 1000 words) on the importance of increasing women's participation in municipal government.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation.

The deadline for applications is August 1, 2011. Applications should be submitted electronically to Marc Colbourne at mcolbourne@auma.ca.

The selection of the recipient will be overseen by the AUMA Women in Municipal Government Committee. The Committee will make a recommendation to the AUMA Board who makes the final decision on such matters. Support for the publication of the bursary information, collection of applications and media engagement will be provided by AUMA administration currently connected to the Committee.