DENTAL BURSARY PROGRAMS

The government of Newfoundland and Labrador offers two dental bursary programs: the Rural Dental Bursary Program and the Specialist Bursary Program.

Each bursary is valued at $50,000. Students must apply annually and are eligible to receive up to three bursaries in each Program (up to a total of $300,000). In exchange for each bursary, recipients are required to commit one year of service in either a predetermined rural location (Rural program) or as a required Specialist (Specialist program) in the province upon graduation.

There are two phases of the process:

1. Application and Approval
2. Establishment of Practice

Students are required to:

- Be enrolled in a dental education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation Canada (CDAC) or the Commission on Dental Accreditation of ADA (CODA/ADA).
- Review and comply with the terms and conditions of the bursary and service agreement.
- By November 30 in the final year of studies, write to either of the below contacts to determine appropriate communities in which to practice, to fulfil the service agreement.
- Within 30 calendar days of obtaining licensure for practicing in NL, communicate to the below contact their final decision on their location of practice, as well as any satellite clinics. Students are encouraged to initiate this discussion as early as possible, and prior to their graduation.

The program policy and application are available at: https://www.gov.nl.ca/hcs/grantsfunding/bursaries/

For more information, please contact:

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