

SOCIAL WORKERS AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

If you are a registered social worker or social service worker who has recently completed a professional development (PD) activity, did you know funds are available? Please complete the secure and easy-to-use [Online Application Form](#) available on our website. Your application will be immediately reviewed.

This Fund provides financial assistance (up to \$300 per year) for PD activities completed by social workers and social service workers who are registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers.

Eligibility:

- Be a registered member, in good standing*, of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers.
- If employed, be employed within Ontario.
- Be willing to be contacted to participate in a short online evaluation survey to provide the Ministry of Community and Social Services with feedback on the Fund.

Reimbursable Expenses:

Successful applicants will be reimbursed for all or part of the eligible costs for PD activities including:

- Workshops
- Courses, including online
- Conferences
- Seminars
- Fees/costs associated with activities that support raising Aboriginal cultural awareness/competency skills

Applicants must describe how PD activities **advanced their skills, knowledge, and practice and service delivery in one or more of the government priority areas.**

Applications will be evaluated in accordance with the objectives of the fund.

Proof of payment and successful completion of PD activity is required at the time of application.

Submission Deadline for 2015/16:

Professional development activities must be completed between September 1st, 2015 and August 31st, 2016.

Applications must be submitted within **90 days** of the completion date of the PD activity or by August 31st, 2016, whichever date comes first.

For more information on the Fund and how to apply visit www.swsswpdf.org

***Good Standing:** A member is in good standing when they are not in default of payment of a membership fee and their certificate of registration is not suspended.