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Two \$1,500 bursaries for students in the health field

WELLINGTON, PEI, March 7, 2016 – For the second consecutive year, the PEI French Health Network (PEIFHN) is pleased to announce it will be offering two \$1,500 bursaries to Prince Edward Island Francophone or Francophile students enrolled in a post-secondary health program for 2016–2017.

“In addition to having the chance to win \$1,500 to help offset their tuition fees, individuals will be automatically added to the PEIFHN health student data base. This will enable the Health Network to provide them with information about training and employment opportunities in Prince Edward Island, in the hope of retaining our young people or bringing them back to the Island so they can provide Islanders with health care services in French,” indicated Élise Arsenault, Executive Director of the PEIFHN.

Furthermore, to promote the two bursaries, the PEIFHN will soon launch a series of images on its social networks with quotes from students in the health field who participated in last year’s bursary campaign and answered the question *Why is it important to offer health care services in French?*

One of the bursaries will be awarded to a first-year student starting a program in the field of health in a post-secondary institution in the 2016–2017 academic year. The other will be awarded to a student who has already started a post-secondary program in the field of health and will continue in the 2016–2017 academic year.

Interested students have until May 31 to fill out the short participation form on the PEIFHN Web site at www.santeipe.ca (click on Étudiants en santé). To be eligible, the student must be a permanent resident of Prince Edward Island (hold a PEI health card); be registered in a post-secondary health program (in French or in English); and be fluent in French. Finally, the participant must accept to be added to the student database, which is shared annually with the Department of Health and Wellness’s Recruitment and Retention Secretariat.

The bursaries will be drawn in early June 2016 among all submissions received.

For more information on the bursaries or on the student directory, please contact Patricia Richard by calling 902-854-7444 or by sending an e-mail to info@santeipe.ca.

The PEI French Health Network is a non-profit organization that collaborates with various partners in order to improve access to quality French-language health services and programs for Prince Edward Island’s Acadian and Francophone population. The organization brings together representatives from target community groups, educational facilities, health professionals, health service managers and the provincial government. It is also one of 16 networks that make up the Société Santé en français. The PEI French Health Network is funded by Health Canada within the framework of the Roadmap for Canada’s Official Languages 2013–2018: Education, Immigration, Communities.

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