



CSHP Foundation ASHP Pharmacy Leadership Academy® (PLA) Eligibility Criteria and Application Process

The CSHP Foundation offers a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 CDN towards the tuition fee for the PLA program. The CSHP Foundations selects one candidate to receive the scholarship to the PLA program which starts in July and is completed on-line over a 12-month period.

The PLA is a series of seven distance-learning modules designed to be a comprehensive curriculum to enhance the leadership and management skills of pharmacy leaders and administered by the Research and Education Foundation of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP Foundation). Application information is available at the [Pharmacy Leadership Academy \(ashpfoundation.org\)](http://ashpfoundation.org)

Eligibility Requirements

CSHP members are eligible to apply for a scholarship and must meet general PLA requirements. The successful applicant will have practiced within hospitals or other collaborative healthcare settings for at least five years, with progressive clinical and/or management pharmacy responsibility, and will be seeking self-improvement to assume greater pharmacy leadership responsibilities. Pharmacist applicants will have demonstrated motivation to acquire leadership skills.

Specific eligibility requirements are:

- Licensed practicing pharmacist in Canada
- CSHP member for at least five consecutive years, including the current membership year
- Five years or more of pharmacy practice experience with progressive professional growth
- Confirmed acceptance in the ASHP Foundation PLA program

Application Submission and Selection Process

Applications to the ASHP Foundation PLA must be submitted according to the procedures provided on the ASHP Foundation PLA website. In addition, CSHP members who wish to be considered for a CSHP Foundation scholarship must submit a PLA Scholarship application to the CSHP Foundation highlighting their eligibility according to the criteria provided below and on the application form.

Criteria for Determining the Scholarship Recipient

1. Commitment to CSHP
 - a. Demonstrated commitment to sustained, active participation in CSHP, for example, by volunteering with branch or national elected positions, committees, or task forces. Involvement must be clearly described with dates, duration, and responsibilities.
2. Commitment to the pharmacy profession
 - a. Demonstrated commitment to advancing the profession of pharmacy in Canada, for example: advocacy, teaching, clinical or research roles that improve or demonstrate

the value of pharmacy practice. Involvement must be clearly described with dates, duration, and role.

3. Commitment to leadership

- a. Demonstrated commitment to leadership, including examples such as progressive positions, leadership positions, leadership training courses.
- b. Clearly stated career goals, strong and stated interest in leadership/management, preparedness for leadership.

Application Deadlines

- CSHP Foundation scholarship applicants must have applied to the ASHP Foundation for admission into the PLA at least six weeks prior to the CSHP Foundation scholarship application deadline to ensure they have received notification of acceptance into the PLA program prior to submitting their scholarship application.

Notification of Scholarship

- Only candidates who are accepted into the ASHP PLA program will be considered for a CSHP Foundation scholarship.
- The CSHP Foundation will notify the successful scholarship candidate of their scholarship before the deadline set by ASHP to declare their acceptance in the program.
- The \$5,000 CDN scholarship from the CSHP Foundation will be paid directly by the CSHP Foundation to the ASHP Foundation towards the cost of the tuition for the program.
- If the candidate does not complete the program, scholarship funds must be returned to the CSHP Foundation.