Survivor Support Ad-Hoc Bursary

Committee Terms of Reference

Term:
The bursary’s term extends until March 31st, 2023, or the time that the fund is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

Purpose:
The Survivor Support Centre exists to support students who are impacted by sexualized and/or gender-based violence and recognizes the difficulties students face when trying to move on from these experiences. To encourage the DSU’s membership to engage with their own healing, the DSU would like to provide funds that will make the exploration of this personal healing more accessible.

Healing after incident(s) of such violence can often feel unattainable for any number of reasons, some being insufficient funds to cover costs, inability to take time off work, inability to visit family and loved ones, not having time to focus on mental health, etc. To counteract these limitations, the bursary may be used for a variety of expenses and are not limited to those listed in this document.

Funds from this bursary can go toward costs relating to additional therapy sessions, art-based activities, medical fees, travel to family or wellness retreats, legal fees, and emergency housing, alongside other activities that encourage healing and/or foster safety and security for the survivor.

Membership:

a) Survivor Support Centre Manager (Chair)
b) The DSU Vice-President, Internal
c) One additional Executive Officer, as determined by the Executive Committee

d) One staff member from the DSU Sustainability Office

**Operation:**

Budget - $9,000.00 from Survivor Support Centre Budget Line 101-6521.

Maximum per Person - $750.00

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

All DSU members are eligible, provided they identify a use for the funds that relates to healing, safety, and wellness in relation to experiences of sexualized and/or gender-based violence, regardless of when the violence occurred. Students are not required to disclose any incident(s) of violence to receive these funds.

Priority will be given to students who are accessing or have previously accessed services through the Survivor Support Centre and/or Human Rights and Equity Services’ (HRES) Sexualized Violence Advisor, and students who identify as a member of a designated group with Mi’kmaw, Indigenous, Black, and African Nova Scotian students having top priority. These groups are prioritized with the understanding that Dalhousie and the DSU’s Health and Wellness Services do not meet the needs of all students, particularly those facing additional barriers.

**Timeline:**

The committee will meet once a month to evaluate all applications to date. Applicants will receive funds before the end of the Winter 2023 academic term.