

Professional Development Report to CSRDS AGM Sep 3, 2023

There have been two requests for leadership grants and several requests for bursaries. The Board made the decision at last year's AGM to support both a cuer school and a caller school in the same jurisdiction (Alberta) in 2023.

The cuer school was successfully run in June with 9 participants. The caller school will be held later in September and we have received several requests for bursaries to help individuals attend.

We also received a bursary request from an individual to attend the caller school held in Ottawa in July but that request was turned down because the same individual did receive a bursary in 2022 and the current rules state that an individual cannot receive a bursary in two successive years.

Applicants for bursaries appear to have trouble finding or understanding the necessary information. For example, one of the most common failures is not getting their application form signed by the chair/president of their provincial organization. Some applications have been mailed to the CSRDS Secretary and had to be redirected to us which delays consideration of the application. Also a couple of applications were not received by the June 15th deadline.

Thanks to Lorne Smith for providing guidance with respect to bursary applications for caller schools.

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