# British Columbia Lymphedema Association Award Program

The British Columbia Lymphedema Association (BCLA) offers a $2,000 CAD award towards a Full Lymphedema Certification Course (Vodder Level 1 or Level 3) or training offered by a certification program at a qualified training school that is LANA certified: [LANA | Lymphology Association of North America – Training Programs](https://clt-lana.org/training-programs)

BCLA will pay the awards for tuition directly to the educational institution.

## Eligibility Requirements:

* Must meet the eligibility to practice in B.C. according to their college and meet entrance requirements for the qualified training school.
* Must be intending to practice in one of the five British Columbia Health Authorities
  + Fraser Health Authority
  + Interior Health Authority
  + Northern Health Authority
  + Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
  + Vancouver Island Health Authority

### To be considered for the award, the following information is required:

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* The student must be entering the first or third level MLD at Vodder School and/or CDT program at one of the LANA certified institutions.
* Resume and/or Curriculum vitae (CV)
* One letter of recommendation from a colleague or instructor that includes his or her name, position, and contact information including email
* Answers to the following questions must be provided in essay format (maximum of 250 words each):
  + What are your career goals for the next five years?
  + What factors/experiences led to your interest in becoming a certified lymphedema therapist?
  + Please describe your experiences and/or interest in providing care to underserved Lymphedema and Lipedema populations.

Final consideration may include an online interview with the applicant.

## Application Process:

BCLA will solicit applications via the [www.bclymph.org](http://www.bclymph.org) web site link.

The BCLA Fund Distribution Committee will review the applications, collaborating with their respective schools, to make the selection by the end of December of each year, or within 3 months of receipt of an application.

The award will be paid to the schools to be applied to the successful applicant’s tuition fees for the upcoming session of the program.

## Celebrating the Award Recipients

The award recipients will be asked to provide a picture of themselves plus a brief biography for BCLA to use in celebrating these award winners. BCLA assumes that by providing the picture and biography, the recipient understands that BCLA will use this information on their website to celebrate their achievements and this award.

BCLA holds their Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March. The recipients from the past year will be honoured in the AGM materials.

### Other Considerations:

* Award recipients must provide proof of successful course completion.
* Award funds must be paid back to BCLA if the course(s) are not completed within one year after receipt of the award.
* Successful candidates will be celebrated by BCLA at their Annual General Meeting and on the BCLA website. Student name, picture and a brief biography will be used to celebrate the award.

See **Application Form** below:

# Application Form:

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| **Applicant (Student) Information** |  |
| Applicant Name |  |
| Applicant eMail |  |
| Home Address (must live in BC) |  |
| Professional Designation(s) |  |
| Current Health Authority Area |  |
| Current Employer |  |
| Current Employer Address |  |
| **School Information** |  |
| Name of LANA Certified School |  |
| Past CDT Related Courses taken & Completed  *(provide details of year taken and final marks)* |  |
| Future CDT Courses to be taken & Costs |  |

**Email completed application form plus essay details to** info@bclymph.org

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