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To: Service Managers

Dear Service Manager,

For several years now, through the Dr. Albert Rose Bursary (DARB) program, the Ontario Mortgage and Housing Corporation (OMHC) has provided bursaries to post-secondary students living in social housing.

I am writing to inform you that this bursary program is being discontinued as of March 31, 2012.

The bursary assisted many students who met specific housing criteria but all students, regardless of their housing need, may qualify for assistance under the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and/or the new Ontario Tuition Grant program. The bursary is discontinued effective immediately, and students are instead encouraged to seek assistance from other sources such as OSAP.

Any students who contact our office will be advised to apply for assistance through OSAP or the Ontario Tuition Grant program. If you receive similar inquiries from students, we ask that you refer them to the Ontario.ca /postsecondary website or advise them to call OSAP at 1-877-672-7411.

I would like to thank you, and your housing providers, for all the assistance you have provided to bursary candidates over the past years. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at <a href="mailto:alison.coke@ontario.ca">alison.coke@ontario.ca</a>, or by telephone at 416-585-6472.

Sincerely,

Alison Coke

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