

Molly Boucher Bursary

At the 1990 Annual Provincial Convention of the BC & Yukon Provincial Convention of the Catholic Women's League of Canada a \$500.00 bursary in memoir of Honorary Life Member, Molly Boucher, was established. Molly Boucher was the mother of eight children. She worked for the Archdiocese of Vancouver as Secretary for Archbishop Carney from 1970 to 1981. She was involved in the Catholic Women's League for many years and was National President from 1972 to 1974. Between 1970 and 1988, Molly Boucher was President of the following organizations: Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace for BC; Catholic School Trustees Association (BC); the Federation of Independent Schools Association (founding President); Canadian Catholic Schools Trustees Association, and the Catholic Lay Associations group. She was Director of Administration for the Papal Visit to Vancouver in 1984. May of 1987, Molly Boucher wrote: "For me the most important development since Vatican 11 has been my personal realization that each person is called by God to a special vocation within the world, just as a Priest or Religious is called to his or her particular vocation".

Molly was working to complete a University degree when she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. She died January 15th 1990. The work that Molly Boucher did for the Catholic Women's League and for the Church (especially in the field of Education) is an inspiration for all Catholic Women. This Bursary was established to provide some financial assistance to a member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada in BC & Yukon who wished to further her education.

Criteria for Molly Boucher Bursary

1. Applicant must be an active member of the Catholic Women's league of Canada for a minimum of two (2) years.
2. The Application Form must be fully completed, and then signed by the applicant, the Parish C.W.L. President, and the Parish Priest. It must be accompanied by letters as outlined in the criteria.
3. A letter written by the applicant must be included and should outline briefly her goals and aspirations along with her reasons for her interest in pursuing these goals. The letter must demonstrate a keen interest in parish life and indicate a willingness to serve the Church.
4. A letter of reference from a person (not a family member) who has known the applicant for some time and is familiar with her performance and activities.
5. All Applications must be on the current Application Form and no other forms will be accepted. The completed Application Forms and other information requested must be submitted to the B.C. & Yukon Provincial Chairperson of Education and Health by March 31st. Any applications arriving after the date will not be considered and will be returned.

Guidelines for Evaluation and Presentation of the Molly Boucher Bursary

1. The winner will be decided by a Bursary Committee which must include two Life Members and be chaired by the B.C. & Yukon Provincial Chairperson of Education and Health. The Provincial President is an ex officio member of this Ad hoc committee. When selecting the winners, the names of the Applicants and any information which would identify the Applicant must be removed so that the applications are anonymous to the committee members. The applications will be evaluated using a system of “points” awarded for each item that has been requested. This system makes the process impartial. The Bursary Committee decision is final. After the Bursary Certificate is presented, all applications and materials shall be disposed of carefully so as to protect the privacy of the applicants.
2. A certificate naming the recipient as the winner will be presented at the B.C. & Yukon Provincial Convention. Dinner Tickets for the recipient and her guest will be provided in the event the winner can attend the banquet. We hope the winner will be able to attend this dinner.
3. Bursary money will be given only upon receiving proof of payment of Tuition Fees for the course(s). The Bursary money will then be paid directly to the student. This must be done before December 31st of the year following the Application, or the Bursary will not be paid.
4. Any person applying for this Bursary may only receive the Bursary once.

MOLLY BOUCHER BURSARY

BC & YUKON COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Business) _____ (e-mail) _____

FAMILY DATA:

Occupation of Applicant; _____ Annual Income; _____

Occupation of Spouse (if applicable); _____ Annual Income; _____

Other Income; _____

Number and ages of Dependents; _____.

Have you received or have you applied for other Bursaries? _____ Please give details.

Special expenses you may have; _____.

Name of C.W.L. Council; _____

Name of C.W.L. Parish Council President; _____

How long have you been a C.W.L. member? _____

List any standing committees or offices you have held in C.W.L.:

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Signature of C.W.L. President; _____

Outline of proposed studies; _____

Name and location of University, College etc; _____

Present involvement in Parish or Diocese; _____.

Proposed future involvement in Parish or Diocese; _____.

Signature _____ **of** _____ **Parish** _____ **Priest;**

I am fully aware of the general requirements set forth by the B.C. & Yukon Catholic Women's League and understand that all applications will be reviewed by their Selection Committee. The decision of this committee will be final. The information in this application and accompanying letters is accurate, true and confidential.

Signature of Applicant; _____

Complete the Application Form, sign it yourself and *then have it signed in the appropriate places by the C.W.L. President and your Parish Priest.*

Return the completed Application Form to the present B.C. & Yukon C.W.L. Provincial Chairperson of Education and Health *before March 31st.*

Length of course: _____

Name and Location of University, College, etc.: _____

Family Data

Occupation of self: _____ Annual income: _____

Occupation of spouse: _____ Annual income: _____

Other income: _____

Number and ages of dependants: _____

Special expenses you may have: _____

Present involvement in Parish or Diocese: _____

Proposed future involvement: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parish C.W.L. President: _____

Signature of Pastor: _____

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