



## **The Catholic Women's League of Canada Vancouver Diocesan Council Bursary Criteria**

Two bursaries of \$1000.00 each will be given to daughters or sons of CWL members in the Diocese of Vancouver. Bursaries will be given to students attending their **first year** of a Post-Secondary Institution.

### **Criteria and Guidelines**

1. The applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic.
2. Applicant's mother/guardian must have been a member in good standing of a Vancouver Diocesan CWL council in the calendar year prior to application. Exception: where a mother/guardian is not a member in the Vancouver Diocese; the applicant must have been a CWL member in the year prior in the Vancouver Diocese.
3. A Bursary is a monetary grant that is given to a student based on financial need; therefore, established financial need will be a deciding factor.
4. Bursary funds will be released only upon proof of payment of tuition fees by December 31<sup>st</sup> in the year following receipt of bursary in the spring. Bursary will be paid directly to the student only.
5. An application must be accompanied by a letter of no more than 300 words prepared in the applicant's own words, containing the following:
  - a. A summary of any personal challenges or difficulties in your life which required perseverance.
  - b. A summary of achievements, interests, and activities in school, church and community.
  - c. A summary of your educational plans to achieve your future aspirations and goals.
  - d. A summary of your intentions to finance your post-secondary education; including any part-time employment and any other financial contributions towards your education.
6. Application must include the following:
  - a. Application form fully completed
  - b. Applicant's personal letter
  - c. A photocopy of most recent high school marks
  - d. A letter from pastor stating that you are a practicing Roman Catholic
  - e. A letter from school principal or teacher, giving information about your school performance and extra curricular activities.
  - f. Another letter of reference from a person (other than a family member, principal or teacher) who has known you for some time and is familiar with your character, community involvement and any special abilities.
7. Applications must be received, or post marked by the Archdiocese of Vancouver's CWL Chairperson of Education and Health by **March 31, 2019**.
8. The bursary committee decision will be final. The bursary will be presented at the annual Diocesan Convention late April/early May. Bursary winners and parents are invited to attend. Three paid tickets will be provided to the Banquet for the recipient and parents or close relative.