

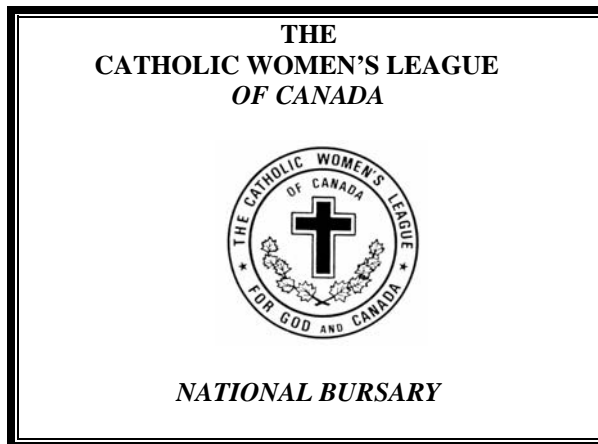
## HISTORY and PURPOSE

In 1988, the League received two generous donations. In response to the call for lay formation in Pope John Paul II's Exhortation, *Christifideles Laici*, and in light of the expressed desire of the Catholic Women's League to encourage members' service "For God and Canada," the CWL national executive agreed by motion that these donations be used to establish a bursary fund.

The bursary fund is used to provide financial assistance to CWL members needing it to pursue studies in adult faith formation and/or youth ministry (e.g. courses, seminars, workshops, and diploma/degree programs). United States college courses are not eligible.

The national bursary committee administers the bursary fund and reviews applications annually.

The national bursary fund continues to grow with generous support received from members and councils.



## CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

1. An applicant must be a member of the League with a minimum of three consecutive years of service prior to the date of application.
2. Applicants must demonstrate an active involvement in pastoral services or be prepared to serve in their parish or diocese.
3. Applicants must apply for programs to be taken within a one-year period following acceptance of application.
4. Upon proof of acceptance into the designated program, national office will forward funds in the decided amount to the institution administering the program. Please ensure that the proof of acceptance is received before September 30<sup>th</sup> of the year of acceptance into the program; otherwise the bursary will lapse.
5. An applicant receiving an award may reapply for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

## APPLICATION

1. Applications for the CWL national bursary fund must be made on the official form.
2. Two letters of recommendation must accompany the completed form. One letter of recommendation must be from the applicant's CWL parish council president; the other from another person.
3. Applications must be submitted to national office and **postmarked** by May 31<sup>st</sup> in any year. To ensure that no oversight occurs, inform national office that the application has been sent. Awards will be announced no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.
4. Decisions of the bursary committee shall be final.
5. Send the application form with the required documentation to:  
  
**CWL National Office**  
**C-702 Scotland Ave.**  
**Winnipeg, MB R3M 1X5**  
  
Telephone: (204) 927-2310  
Toll-Free telephone: (888) 656-4040  
Facsimile: (204) 927-2321  
Toll-Free facsimile: (888)831-9707  
E-mail: national@cw1.ca
6. A T4A slip will be sent to all bursary recipients by February 28<sup>th</sup> of the year following receipt of the bursary award.