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The CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE of CANADA

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MEMO

To: Parish Council Chairpersons of Education and Health

From: Nancy Simms, National Chairperson of Education and Health

Date: October 13, 2014

Fall Greetings

I am sitting here on this beautiful Thanksgiving weekend with the turkey put away, waiting for it to be devoured as scrumptious leftovers. I am looking forward to witnessing God's great beauty in the cool crispness of fall that will soon lead into long winter days curled up by the fire reading a good book.

Did you know there is a reading group guide on the national website? Go to www.cwl.ca and under "Resources" click "Programs and Workshops", then click "Education and Health" and you will find this wonderful guide. To quote from the guide, "A reading group is a group of interested and enthusiastic readers who meet on a regular basis to socialize and grow through sharing and discussing the subjects and issues covered in various publications." I encourage you to consider starting a reading group in your council. If you start a reading group, report your activity in your annual report so I know how many groups there are throughout Canada. "When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us."—St. Jerome

National Bursary Fund

Enclosed is a copy of the National Bursary Fund Application Form. Distribute this form to members for their opportunity to receive a maximum of \$1,000 toward expanding their horizons.

The bursary fund is used to provide financial assistance to members who need it to pursue studies, courses, seminars, workshops and diploma/degree programs in areas such as:

- spiritual growth
- adult faith formation
- youth ministry
- ministry to patients in palliative care
- ministry to shut-ins
- parliamentary procedure
- literacy tutoring.

Courses must be pursued in Canada.

Remember to continue taking action on all education and health resolutions.

You can find them at www.cwl.ca

Nancy Simms

National Chairperson of Education and Health

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
NATIONAL BURSARY APPLICATION FORM**

N.B. Before completing this form, please refer to the reverse.

Name: _____ **Joined the CWL in:** _____

Address: _____
_____ (include postal code)

Telephone: (home) _____ **(business)** _____

Name of Parish Council: _____

Diocese: _____



Description of proposed studies (courses, seminars, workshops, other):

Curriculum/course outline (please submit a copy):

Duration of above:

Location (institution):

Expenses: Registration or tuition: \$ _____

Other assistance:

Are you in receipt of, or have you applied for, other financial assistance? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please give details:

Indicate briefly the reasons for your interest in pursuing these studies:

Signature of applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail this form with all supporting documentation to:

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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*. In light of the expressed desire of the League to encourage members' service "For God and Canada", the national executive agreed by motion that these donations be used to establish a bursary fund.

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The national bursary committee administers the bursary fund and reviews applications annually. The value of the bursaries awarded depends on the interest generated from the fund in any given year and the number of qualified applicants.

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

CRITERIA and GUIDELINES

1. In her third consecutive year of service and any year thereafter, a member may apply.
2. Applicants must demonstrate an active involvement in pastoral services and be prepared to serve the church in their province, diocese or parish.
3. Programs must be taken within one year following acceptance.
4. Upon proof of acceptance into the designated program, funds will be forwarded by national office in the decided amount to the institution administering the program. Proof of acceptance must be received before September 30th of the year of acceptance into the program; otherwise the bursary will lapse.
5. The applicant will provide acknowledgement of completion of the course, seminar, workshop, diploma or degree programs to national office.
6. Applicants receiving an award may reapply for a maximum of three additional one-year periods.

APPLICATION

1. Applications must be made on the official form, which is available online at cwl.ca.
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 a non-relative.

3. Applications must be submitted to national office and postmarked by May 31st. To ensure that no oversight occurs, the applicant should inform national office that the application has been sent. The bursary committee meets in June and successful applicants are notified by letter. Announcement is made by June 30th on cwl.ca and in *The Canadian League*.
4. Decisions of the bursary committee shall be final.
5. The maximum bursary award is \$1,000.
6. The application form, with two letters of recommendation should be sent to

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7. A T4A slip will be sent to all bursary recipients by February 28th of the year following receipt of any bursary award exceeding \$500.00.