

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

### **\$500 Life Members Art and Culture Award**

#### **History**

The \$500 Life Members Art & Culture Award was established in 2008 by Life Member Thelma Varco. Thelma had just published a book entitled "*A Journey of Memories*" that contained the CWL journey stories of Life Members from the 1940s to the 1980s. Funds raised by the sale of these books became the foundation for the Life Member's Art & Culture Award and is continued in an on-going basis through the initiative of the provincial Life Members. Every year the Provincial Life Member Liaison invites all Life Members throughout BC & Yukon to contribute to the award account and forwards these funds to the provincial treasurer.

#### **Guidelines for Evaluation and Presentation**

▲ The award eligibility and selection is totally administered by a committee of Life Members. The Provincial Life Member Liaison will chair the Committee and will advertise the availability of the award through the Provincial Education & Health Chairperson and circulate the forms at an appropriate time. The information and application forms will also be placed on the BC & Yukon website. 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 Award Committee decision is final. After the Award is presented, all applications and materials shall be disposed of carefully so as to protect the privacy of the applicants.

▲ A certificate naming the recipient will be presented by the Provincial Life Member Liaison at the BC & Yukon provincial convention banquet. If the Provincial Life Member Liaison is unable to present another Life Member will be asked to make the presentation.

▲ The Award money will be given only upon receiving proof of payment of Tuition Fees for the course(s). The Award money will then be paid directly to the student. The Award money may also be given directly to the post-secondary institution specifying to be deposited when recipient registers for classes. This must be done before December 31st of the year following the Application, or the Award will not be paid.

▲ Any person applying for this Award may only receive the Award once.

▲ In the event the Award is not used in the school year for which the money was received, it is to be returned to the provincial treasurer. The

recipient may reapply the following year, however there is no guarantee that she/he will be accepted the second time.

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### **Eligibility**

▲ Applicant must be a High School Graduate.

▲ Applicant must be a daughter and/or granddaughter or son and/or grandson of a Catholic Women's League Member or a League member in good standing.

▲ Applicant must be a practising Catholic

▲ Applicant must be involved in and/or entering further education in an accredited school

in the field of Art and Culture (e.g., dance, voice, speech/drama, music, painting/art, etc.)

### **Documentation**

The following documentation is required:

1. Letter signed by Council President or Organization Chairperson to validate Mother, Grandmother, Guardian or League member is a member in good standing with the Catholic Women's League.

2. Two (only) current letters of reference – 1 from high school and 1 other source.

3. Personal letter detailing goals and aspirations, career area chosen, reason for pursuing this career, summary of volunteer work, achievements, interests, activities in the school, church and community, and outlining the need for the Award.

4. Information regarding family as in parents' profession, number of siblings, financial situation, (not amount earned, rather ability to help defray education cost for applicant).

5. Letter from applicant's (Catholic) Pastor.

### **Submission**

Applications will be available through Diocesan Life Member Liaisons and Education & Health Chairpersons and on the BC & Yukon website [www.bcyukoncwl.com](http://www.bcyukoncwl.com) Please complete and send the Application Form and other Required Documentation to:

**Provincial Life Member Liaison**

***Email address on BC & Yukon CWL website***

**All information must be submitted by March 31st.**