

**CRITERIA INFORMATION for  
VICTORIA DIOCESAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BURSARY  
"In Memory of Freda Smith"**

*Freda Smith (1901-1999) a long time resident of Victoria, retired as church organist in her parish in Esquimalt at the age of 85. She came to Canada in 1926, settling in Regina; relocating to Victoria in 1946 promoting education whenever possible. She was an active member of the Catholic Women's League, earning the League's highest honour in 1958.*

**1. BURSARY AMOUNT \$750**

- The Bursary is awarded annually to a graduating Catholic student within the Diocese of Victoria.
- This Bursary will be awarded to a student proceeding on to a form of higher education:  
(a) University                      (b) University Transfer Program                      (c) Technical School  
(d) Regional College              (e) Vocational College  
(f) Registered School of Nursing or Medical Services

**2. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

- The Bursary will be **awarded to children or grandchildren of members of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Victoria.**
- The Bursary award will be based on:  
(a) Financial Need    (b) Academic Performance  
(c) Community and Church involvement

**3. PROCEDURE**

- Student must complete the Catholic Women's League Bursary Application Form
- Student must attach an official transcript of his/her current academic standing.
- Student must attach a narrative essay outlining his successes, achievements, parish and community involvement and future goals.

**4. APPLICATION DUE DATE**

- Applications and requirements listed above must reach the Counselling Department of the Secondary School by **January 25<sup>th</sup> of the current year.**
- All applications are then forwarded to the Victoria Diocesan Education & Health Chairperson by **April 15 of the current year**, (see address below). Late applications are not accepted.

**5. ACCESSING THE BURSARY**

- The recipient of the bursary must provide the donor, Victoria Diocesan Catholic Women's League, with proof of registration at a Post Secondary Institution.
- Arrangements will then be made to have the bursary amount forwarded to the Registrar of that institution.
- The recipient of the bursary must register at the post secondary institution within two years of the bursary being awarded.
- If there is no suitable applicant for the Bursary, it shall be cancelled for that year.

*Please forward applications to:  
**Pat Carew, 510 Robertson Place, Courtenay, BC V9N 8W5, [patsgene@gmail.com](mailto:patsgene@gmail.com)***



## The Catholic Women's League of Canada

### FREDA SMITH 1901-1999

#### **Bio**

Mrs. Freda Smith was a long time member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. The League was a huge part of her life and she rarely missed a meeting of her own Council, Diocesan Interim Meetings and/or Conventions at all levels. Freda was always supportive of other Councils and Parishes, by attending functions and special events whenever possible. Over the years she was Parish President many times and served on the Executive in many capacities. She also served on the Diocesan Executive and as Provincial Secretary.

Freda became a Life Member of the Catholic Women's League in 1958.

Never at a loss for words she would always have sage advice on any issue which she referred to as "just common sense".

She came to Canada with her husband Arthur in 1926, and settled in Regina, Saskatchewan and worked on the farm, being chief cook and helper. Freda was always interested in promoting education whenever possible. At that time the Sisters of Service looked after catechism and religious education in the rural areas by correspondence. Freda worked very closely with them packaging and mailing out lessons and marking them when they were returned. It was there that she joined the Catholic Women's League.

In the early 1940's Arthur Smith joined the Navy and the family moved to Victoria. Upon arrival they joined Queen of Peace in Esquimalt, and soon became very involved in all church activities. For over 49 years Freda was the organist at Queen of Peace Parish, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday and also played many weddings, funerals and other special occasions. She retired at age 85.

Freda and Arthur were blessed with two daughters, who both attended St. Ann's Academy in Victoria. Freda developed a very close relationship with the Sisters and through the years the Smith home became a "home away from home" for many students from outlying areas who wished to attend St. Ann's. Many families with varying difficulties were helped by Freda and she was always happy to assist mothers with their new babies. Freda was generous with her talents and was very active in her support for the Missions around the world.

**The Victoria Diocesan Catholic Women's League  
is proud to dedicate our Bursary  
in Memory of Freda Smith**

VICTORIA DIOCESAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BURSARY, "In Memory of Freda Smith" (\$750)

APPLICATION FORM

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Postal Code) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: (while at school, if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Postal Code) \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family Combined Income Range (Check one) \_\_\_ \$20,000 to \$40,000; \_\_\_ \$40,000 to \$60,000;

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60,000 to \$80,000; \_\_\_ \$80,000 to \$100,000

List ages of dependent children (including student) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parish Church (participating at) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parish Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent(s) Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of a CWL Member \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Attach:**

(1) A transcript of your Secondary School marks to date.

(2) A Narrative Essay telling us about yourself... (Composition: make it interesting. This will tell us about you. Tell us about your family, your interests, your successes, your parish and community involvement and your future goals.)

**Send completed form to:**

**Ms Pat Carew, 510 Robertson Place, Courtenay, BC V9N 8W5 or [patsgene@gmail.com](mailto:patsgene@gmail.com) Tel: 250-334-2565**