

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

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

Criteria and Guidelines

1. The applicant selected must practice the Roman Catholic Faith.
2. Applicant's mother/guardian must have been a member in good standing of a Vancouver Archdiocesan CWL council in the calendar year prior to application. Exception: where a mother/guardian is not a member in the Vancouver Archdiocese; the applicant must have been a CWL member in the year prior in the Vancouver Archdiocese.
3. Financial need must be established.
4. Bursary monies will be given only upon proof of payment of tuition fees by December 31st in the year following receipt of bursary in 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. Goals and aspirations along with educational plans to assist in obtaining goals.
 - b. An experience in your life when you persevered at something when it would have been easier to walk away. Describe your feelings during the incidence and after.
 - c. A summary of achievements, interests, and activities in school, church and community.
6. Application must include the following;
 - a. Applicant's personal letter
 - b. A photocopy of high school marks
 - c. Application form fully completed
 - 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 involvement
 - f. Another letter of reference from a person (other than a family member) who has known you for sometime and is familiar with your performance and activities
7. Applications must be received by the Archdiocese of Vancouver CWL Chairperson of Education and Health by March 31.
8. The bursary committee decisions will be final. The bursary will be presented at the annual Archdiocesan convention late April/early May. Bursary winners and parents are invited to attend. Three paid tickets will be provided to the Banquet for recipient and parents or close relative.