

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 () _____

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) _____

Parish Church (participating at) _____

Signature of Parish Pastor _____

Signature of Parent(s) Father _____ Mother _____

Date _____

Signature of a CWL Member _____ Council _____

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 Tel: 250-334-2565

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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**