



HERITAGE BURSARY

in Honour of

WEG'S FOUNDING MEMBERS

Revised and Ratified: February 4, 2022

PREAMBLE

In 1973 a group of dedicated needlewomen, spearheaded by the inimitable Leonida Leatherdale, founded the Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild. In subsequent years WEG has grown in numbers and purpose to become the vibrant and forward-thinking artistic organization it is today. Our many members practice every type of needlework imaginable and share a nurturing, companionable community, easily living up to the purpose envisioned by these amazing women. This Bursary was renamed in 2019 to honour the legacy of our founding members, and to enshrine their names in our history so that the gift of their foresight will never be forgotten.

This Award is dedicated with thanks to the memory of:

Leonida Leatherdale (First President)*
Ruby Ashdown
Betty Blick
Jo Hewitt-Nickel*
Constance James

Eleanor Johnston
Carol McCann*
Joyce Hunter
Selma Sigesmund
Shirley Tyderkie*

* indicates the initial group of women who answered the Mayor's call to "create something" for the Winnipeg's Centennial in 1973, from which WEG was born.

PURPOSE

To enrich the Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild by assisting applicant members to widen their horizons and improve their skills in an embroidery discipline through:

- WEG workshops
- EAC/ACB correspondence courses
- EAC/ACB Seminar workshops
- Courses offered by "Recognized Instructors" * outside of WEG
- Self-study courses (a course outline must be submitted to and approved by the Bursary Committee)

* A "Recognized Instructor" is one who is either a teacher certified by a recognized institution or organization, or one who has an esteemed reputation as a teacher acquired from several years of experience.

WHO MAY APPLY

- Anyone who has been a registered member of the Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild in good standing for a minimum of two consecutive years immediately prior to application.
- Previous recipients of this Bursary can apply only once every three years.

AMOUNT OF BURSARY

- Maximum amount to be awarded: up to a total of \$500.00 in any given year, to be given in part or whole to one or more applicants. This can be applied to both tuition and materials at the discretion of the Bursary Committee.
- In any given year the full amount of \$500 may not necessarily be awarded.
- The Bursary amount will be split 50/50 between the application deadline dates. If the full amount is not awarded following the October Bursary deadline, any unawarded balance will be added to the amount available for the February Bursary.
- A Bursary year runs from August 1 through July 31 (WEG fiscal year).

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- October 15: \$250.00
- February 15: up to \$250 plus any unawarded portion of the October Bursary
- In the case of a Summer retreat or workshops or seminars offered after the February application deadline, a special application may be submitted. It will be at the discretion of the Bursary Committee whether to award funds (if available) at that time or to defer the application to October 15th for consideration in the new budget year.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND NOTIFICATION

- The Applicant must complete the attached WEG Bursary Application form and sign the *Applicant's Agreement*.
- The Applicant must specify the course s/he is applying for and the amount of funds required, including cost of tuition and materials.
- An Executive Committee member who is not on the Bursary Committee may assist applicants to apply if required.
- Once complete, the application should be submitted to the President. The President will then strike the Bursary Committee which is composed of the Vice President (who will serve as Chair of the Committee), the Program Chair, and one member-at-large from WEG to be appointed by the President.
- The President will provide the Chair of the Bursary Committee with a copy of any applications from which all identifying marks have been redacted.
- The Bursary Committee will meet (live or virtually) within two weeks following application deadline dates to consider all applications. Notification of application results will be announced as soon as possible following that meeting but not later than two months from the application deadline.
- Once the Bursary Committee has met, the Chair will inform the President of its decision.
- The President will then notify any applicants of the results.

PAYMENT

- The awarded Bursary amount will be paid in full directly to the Applicant upon submission of itemized receipts.
- If the course cannot be completed, the full amount of the Bursary must be immediately refunded to the Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild. However, in the event of unforeseeable circumstances such as illness, the Bursary Committee and the recipient may discuss an appropriate resolution to the problem.

REQUIREMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

- Successful Applicants must complete the project within one year of the class.
- Successful Applicants must share new skills with the Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild within one year of course completion. The method is to be determined through discussions with the Bursary Committee. (For example: the student may present a verbal report at a WEG General Meeting including pictures or examples; write and submit an article for publication in *EC Magazine*; teach at a Guild meeting or workshop, etc.). The Bursary Committee Chair will liaise with the bursary recipient to ensure that this undertaking is completed.

FOR WEG INFORMATION ONLY

The total Bursary amount of \$500.00 will be paid from WEG's general operating funds. The Bursary amount may not exceed \$500.00 for any given year.

Changes and amendments to the *Bursary Guidelines and Policies* must be presented to the WEG membership for discussion and approval.

WEG BURSARY APPLICATION

I am applying for the:

- October Bursary** (up to \$250)
- February Bursary** (up to \$250 plus any unawarded portion of the October Bursary)

Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Have you been a WEG or EAC member for the past two consecutive years? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever received a WEG Bursary? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, when? _____

What course do you wish to take? _____

Where will it be taught? _____ Date(s): _____

Amount requested (to be used for tuition/materials): \$ _____

Briefly describe your embroidery experience, embroidery courses you have taken, and what you hope to learn from this course:

How do you see this course enriching your embroidery journey?: _____

Please feel free to attach photos of any of your recent work.

APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT

In the event that I am granted a Bursary by the Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild, I agree to abide by the following conditions:

- I acknowledge that I have not received a WEG Bursary in the last three years.
- I will provide the WEG with receipts for the course tuition and materials.
- I will attend the course listed on my application.
- I will complete the course project within one year of the end of the class.
- Should I not attend or complete the course, I will refund the full Bursary amount to WEG.
- I will share my new skills with the WEG membership within one year of completing the course. (The method of sharing will be determined through discussions with the Bursary Chair.)
- Should I be awarded a Bursary, I agree to permit WEG to publicly announce my name.
- I give my permission to WEG to use my name and project for promotional purposes.

Applicant's Signature

This application is to be submitted to the President of WEG.

BURSARY COMMITTEE RESPONSE

Date Received: _____ Date of Consideration: _____

Granted Amount of Bursary: _____

Comments of Committee: _____

Describe how the skills will be shared with the WEG members:

Date "sharing" completed: _____

Rejected

Comments of Committee: _____

