

The CWL Catholic Women's League of Canada BC and Yukon Provincial Council

Molly Boucher Bursary applications now open!
Eligible students may receive \$2,000 for educational expenses. Go to **bcyukoncwl.com** for more info, the application form, obtain the signatures required, then **scan and email the completed form to the Chairperson of Service at service@bcyukoncwl.com**.



Who was Molly Boucher? Molly was a dedicated leader in Catholic organizations, serving as National President of the League (1972–1974). She also worked for the Archdiocese of Vancouver and was actively involved with Catholic education.

Who can Apply? Applicants must be practicing Catholics and Catholic Women's League members for at least two years. Signatures from the applicant, Parish CWL President, and Parish Priest, plus letters outlining their goals and parish involvement, and a non-family reference is required. **Deadline for submitting applications is April 30, 2026.**

How does the selection work? A committee reviews applications anonymously using a points system. The recipient receives a certificate, dinner tickets, and funds after submitting tuition proof.

Funds must be used by December 31, 2026.

Applying for the Molly Boucher Bursary

The bursary was set up to honor Molly Boucher, a dedicated member of the Catholic Women's League who passed away in 1990. It's meant to help active members of the League with their education and attract younger members.

In 2025, Michela Canel of Lumby BC, received the \$2000 MB bursary to further her college education at Okanagan College.

- **Who was Molly Boucher?** She was involved in the Catholic Women's League for many years and was National President from 1972 to 1974. She was President of the following organizations: Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace for BC; Catholic School Trustees Association (BC); the Federation of Independent Schools Association (founding President); Canadian Catholic Schools Trustees Association, and the Catholic Lay Associations group. She was Director of Administration for the Papal Visit to Vancouver in 1984. Sadly, she passed away from cancer while finishing her university degree.
- **Who can apply?** To apply, you need to be a practicing Catholic and an active member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada for at least two years. You'll need signatures from yourself, your Parish CWL President, and your Parish Priest, plus letters about your goals, interest in parish life, and a reference from someone who knows you well (but isn't family). Applications are due by April 30, 2026.
- **How does the selection work?** A committee of Life Members and the Provincial Chairperson of Service reviews applications anonymously using a points system to keep things fair. The winner gets a certificate at the BC & Yukon Provincial Convention, dinner tickets for themselves and a guest, and the bursary funds once they show proof of tuition payment. The funds must be used by December 31 of 2026.
- **Other details:** You can only receive the bursary once, and if you don't use the funds, you must return them. You can apply twice, but there's no guarantee you'll get it the second time.

For more detailed information and to download an application form, please go to bcyukoncwl.com.

**BC & YUKON PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MOLLY BOUCHER BURSARY
APPLICATION**

Please print clearly:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ Business/Cell _____

Email: _____

Family Data: Occupation of Applicant:

Annual Income: _____

Other Income: _____

Number and Ages of Dependents: _____

Have you received, or applied for, other bursaries this year? Please give details:

Special or other expenses you may have? _____

Name of CWL Council: _____

Name of CWL Council President: _____

How long have you been a member of the CWL? _____

Are you a practising Catholic? _____

List any Offices or Standing Committees you have held in the CWL:

Present involvement in your Parish or Diocese: _____

Proposed involvement in your Parish or Diocese:

Name and duration of the course that you are registered in?

Outline of proposed studies: _____

Name and Location of University, College, Trade School:

Signature of CWL President: _____

Signature of Pastor: _____

I declare that I am fully aware of the general requirements set forth by the BC & Yukon Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada and understand that all applications will be reviewed by its Bursary Selection Committee; the decision of this committee is final. I declare that the information in this application is accurate, true and confidential. If awarded with this bursary, I give my permission, to allow my name and/or photograph be printed in newspapers or on the BC & Yukon Provincial website () Yes () No. Please check one box.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Complete the Application Form, sign it yourself and then have it signed by your CWL President and Pastor of your parish. Scan and email the completed Application Form to the BC & Yukon CWL Provincial Council Chairperson of Service on or before April 30 at service@bcyukoncwl.com If you prefer to send the application by mail, contact info@bcyukoncwl.com for the mailing address.