



The Karen Stinson Bursary Fund is an endowment fund established in 1990 by Lutheran Church of the Cross, Victoria, B.C., to celebrate the life of former parish worker Karen Stinson, who was stricken with an aneurysm and died on August 13, 1990, at the age of 32 years. In her six years of service at Church of the Cross, Karen contributed significantly to the life of the congregation, especially in areas of parish education, congregational programming, youth work and ELW ministry. In addition, she served on committees at the conference, Synodical, and national levels of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Karen resigned in order to attend the University of Victoria to pursue a degree in social work, with the goal of full-time church service. The purpose of this Fund is to give financial assistance to Christian persons currently involved in post-secondary education leading to a vocation of service. The first award was given in 1991.

## **THE BURSARY PROGRAM**

The Karen Stinson Bursary Fund is directed and administered by a Committee consisting of members or former members of Lutheran Church of the Cross, serving as chair, treasurer, and secretary as well as one member from the Board of Education and several members-at-large.

The bursary program seeks to make an award to deserving students in pursuit of a post-secondary degree or diploma. The amount of the award will be at least \$500 (up to \$1000) based upon funds available. The award will be made on an annual basis, and recipients are eligible to re-apply in subsequent years.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Although the Committee will make necessary judgments in all cases, the following general criteria will apply to this award:

- A. Applicants **must** be enrolled in full-time or part-time **post-secondary studies**.
- B. Applicants **must** be Canadian citizens or have Permanent Resident status with a **Social Insurance Number** (SIN). Please be advised that the SIN of the successful candidate(s) is required by the Canada Revenue Agency for income tax purposes.
- C. Applicants **must** be active members of **Lutheran or Anglican** congregations and have a permanent address in **Western Canada** (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, and the Yukon) to be considered for this bursary.
- D. The following **criteria** will be given equal consideration by the Committee:
  - Academic Achievement, including Transcripts
  - Christian Activities
  - Financial Need
  - Participation in community and church related activities
  - Preparation for a career in the field of social services, education, ordained ministry or related church vocation
- E. **Applications are due no later than 31 October, 11:59 pm**, of the year in which the award is sought and must be complete to be considered. Awards will be made the following **January**.
  - **All of the following items MUST be included in your application:**
    - 1) A separate **cover letter** in which you provide a rationale as to why the committee should choose you as the successful applicant;
    - 2) This **completed application form** (fillable PDF; use "save as" and your full name);
    - 3) **Two** letters of reference, one by a minister and the other by a non-relative;
    - 4) A copy of your **most recent academic transcripts** with an explanation of the rating symbols.

**E-mail your complete application** to [lutheranchurchofthecross@shaw.ca](mailto:lutheranchurchofthecross@shaw.ca)

Or you can send it via regular post to: Lutheran Church of the Cross  
3787 Cedar Hill Road  
Victoria, B.C. V8P 3Z4  
Questions? Telephone 250.477.6222

Fillable document – complete, then use \*save as\* with your first and last name before submitting it.

## KARREN STINSON BURSARY FUND APPLICATION FORM

### GENERAL INFORMATION

|   |  |
|---|--|
| FULL NAME: _____  | GENDER: _____<br>DATE OF BIRTH: _____<br>Canadian Citizen <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span><br>Permanent Resident Status <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span> |
| PRESENT ADDRESS:<br>Street Address: _____<br>City & Province: _____<br>Postal Code: _____ | PERMANENT ADDRESS:<br>Street Address: _____<br>City & Province: _____<br>Postal Code: _____  |
| TELEPHONE: (including Area Code) _____  | MARITAL STATUS: _____  |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____   | NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS: _____  |

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION ATTENDING (including address):

CAREER GOAL:

### EDUCATION

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| High School (City): _____ | Post-Secondary Institution: _____ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|

### EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE – Most Recent/Significant

| Employer          | Employer          | Employer          |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                   |                   |                   |
| Employment Period | Employment Period | Employment Period |
|                   |                   |                   |
| Position          | Position          | Position          |
|                   |                   |                   |
| Location          | Location          | Location          |
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## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Church Membership (including minister's name) and postal address:

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Briefly describe the church activities in which you participate(d):

Briefly describe the community activities in which you participate(d):

## REFERENCES

One must be from your MINISTER, the other from NON-RELATIVE and SENT DIRECTLY TO LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS!

Full name

Full name

E-mail address

E-mail address

Telephone (including area code)

Telephone (including area code)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
 Include estimates for the current calendar year

| INCOME               |        | EXPENSES                 |        |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| SOURCE               | AMOUNT | COST                     | AMOUNT |
| Gross Earnings       |        | Tuition Fees             |        |
| Family/Spouse        |        | Books/Study Materials    |        |
| Church Organizations |        | Accommodation/Food       |        |
| Grants               |        | Transportation           |        |
| Student Loans        |        | Credit Card/Loan Payment |        |
| Other                |        | Other                    |        |
|                      |        |                          |        |
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|                      |        |                          |        |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>  |        | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>    |        |

**Further Comments**

Additional information related to your financial situation (optional):

**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

Please check the appropriate boxes below for the following statements:

- 1) I certify that all the information given in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.  
 Yes (  )
- 2) If I am the successful recipient, I grant permission for my name to appear in church publications.  
 Yes (  ) No (  )

DATE:

**ALL INFORMATION IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE SHREDDED AFTER ADJUDICATION.**

**THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 31 OCTOBER. Applications must be e-mailed to [LUTHERANCHURCHOFTHECROSS@SHAW.CA](mailto:LUTHERANCHURCHOFTHECROSS@SHAW.CA) or post marked by that date to be considered.**