



The Karren 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 Karren 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. Karren 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 Karren Stinson Bursary Fund is directed and administered by a Committee consisting of one member of Church of the Cross Council (including a representative from the Board of Education), three or more interested members appointed for rotating terms of three years, and a member-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 is a minimum of \$500, based upon funds available from the interest on the endowment, which will continue to grow as contributions increase. The award will be made on an annual basis, and recipients are eligible to re-apply in subsequent years.

ELIGIBILITY

Although the Board will make necessary judgments in all cases, the following general criteria will apply to awards:

- A. Applicants must be enrolled in full-time or part-time post-secondary studies.
- B. Applicant must be a Canadian citizen or have Landed Immigrant status with a Social Insurance Number*.
- C. Awards will be based upon the following equal criteria:
 - Academic Achievement
 - Participation in community
 - Christian Activities
 - Financial Need
 - Preparation for a career in the field of social services, education, ordained ministry or related church vocation
- D. In making their selection, the Committee may give special consideration to applicants who are active members of Lutheran or Anglican congregations in Western Canada.
- E. The application and **two** letters of reference mailed to the address below (one pastor and one non-relative) are due by **October 31st** of the year in which the award is sought. Awards will be made the following January.

*** Please be advised that the Social Insurance Number of the successful candidate(s) is required for the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency for income tax purposes.**

Send Application to:

Lutheran Church of the Cross
3787 Cedar Hill Road
Victoria, B.C. V8P 3Z4
Telephone 250.477.6222
Email: lutheranchurchofthecross@shaw.ca

**KARREN STINSON BURSARY FUND
APPLICATION FORM**

GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____ _____	GENDER: Female _____ Male _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ / _____ / _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;"> _____ Month Day Year </div>
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PRESENT ADDRESS: Street Address: _____ City & Province: _____ Postal Code: _____	Canadian Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Landed Immigrant <input type="checkbox"/>
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TELEPHONE: (including Area Code)	MARITAL STATUS Single _____ Married _____
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E-MAIL ADDRESS:	NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS:
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POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION ATTENDING – (including address)

CAREER GOAL

EDUCATION

High School	Post Secondary Institution
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EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE – Most Recent/Significant

Employer	Employer	Employer
Employment Period	Employment Period	Employment Period
Position	Position	Position
Location	Location	Location

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Church Membership – (including Faith Leader’s name):

Address:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

REFERENCES

(To be mailed directly to or e-mailed to the Committee from one pastor and one non-relative)

Name

Name

Address

Address

Telephone (including area code)

Telephone (including area code)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please include a covering letter providing a brief summary of why you are applying for this bursary and how it will assist you to further your studies:

Include your most recent academic transcript with an explanation of the rating symbols (*this can be a copy*).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
(Include estimates for the current calendar year)			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
SOURCE	AMOUNT	SOURCE	AMOUNT
Gross Earnings		Tuition Fees	
Family/Spouse		Books/Study Materials	
Church Organizations		Accommodation/Food	
Grants		Transportation	
Student Loans to date		Credit Card/Loan Payment	
Other		Other	
TOTAL INCOME		TOTAL EXPENSES	
Further Comments			
Additional information related to your financial situation or the above information may be provided below.			
SIGNATURE AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION			
SIGNATURE _____		DATE _____	
If I am the successful recipient, I grant permission for my name to appear in church publications. Yes (<input type="checkbox"/>) No (<input type="checkbox"/>)			

ALL INFORMATION IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND IS SHREDDED AFTER ADJUDICATION.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POST-MARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31st.