



The Megan Whitfield Bursary

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Canadian Union of Postal Workers

Application Form Application Due Date: June 30, 2023

About the Megan Whitfield Bursary:

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) established two \$2,500 bursaries in memory of Megan Whitfield, a long-time postal worker and labour activist, who passed away in 2020. Sister Whitfield dedicated her life to improving the lives of working people. She was the first Black woman elected President of CUPW's Toronto Local, the largest Local in the country, and was involved in anti-racism work at CUPW, through the Ontario Federation of Labour, and the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists. The labour movement across the country is stronger because Megan argued for a powerful, inclusive, and anti-racist trade union movement. This bursary will help carry her legacy.

Who can apply:

This scholarship is open to CUPW members in good standing, or their dependents, who are studying either Human Rights or Labour Studies at a publicly-funded, publicly-run post-secondary institution in Canada for the 2023-2024 academic year. Please fill out this application form in its entirety, and use the checklist on page two to ensure your application is complete.

Applicant information:

Name of applicant:			
Name of post-secondary institution:			
Program of study:			
Street Address:			
City:		Province:	
Postal Code:			
Phone number:			
E-mail address:			

Essays and personal summaries are reviewed and marked by an independent adjudicator. Essays will not be returned to applicants. The scholarship will be issued this summer. Successful candidates will be asked to provide confirmation of university, college, or trades program enrollment before the scholarship is issued. For more information about the bursary, contact Brigitte Klassen at bklassen@cupw-sttp.org.



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CUPW member information:

Name (must be a CUPW member in good standing):	
Member number:	
Local:	
Applicant's relationship to the member:	

Checklist:

The following items must be submitted with your application, and received by CUPW on or before June 30, 2023. Applications received after June 30, 2023 will not be considered.

- ☐ This application form, completed fully
- ☐ 1,500-word essay responding to the following question. Your response may be a 1,500-word essay, or a photo series, short video, poem, audio file or visual art piece. Why is worker activism and union involvement important to make meaningful improvements in the workplace?
- ☐ Summary of your recent community, union, or other volunteer work, which helps to build awareness of workplace, community or environmental health and safety.

Ways to submit your application (choose one):

1. E-mail your application to: bklassen@cupw-sttp.org
2. Mail your application to: CUPW c/o Brigitte Klassen, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, ON K2P 1Y3

Note: In order to meet eligibility criteria and for application submissions to be processed in a timely manner, proof of enrollment into a post-secondary institution must be submitted with completed applications by the indicated deadline.

Applications that are submitted without proof of enrollment, will not be considered. If instructions for application are not followed, the application will not be considered as complete.