

# WI scholarship review

There are six different kinds of scholarships administered by the Women's Institutes in Ontario. The majority of them are handled at the provincial level with the investment of money which has been raised at the branch level.

1. *The MacDonald Entrance Awards* (Adelaide Hoodless Memorial Fund) established in 1947 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Ontario Women's Institute. The original investment was \$19,000 and the amount of the award \$100. In 1985, 15 awards of \$300.00 each will be offered.

2. The *Dorothy Fitcher* Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship established in 1950.

The *Florence P. Eadie* Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship established in 1963.

The *Sixtieth Anniversary* Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship established in 1979.

The *Hoodless Lee* Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship established in 1981.

Each of the above four scholarships is worth \$200 and is awarded annually to a 4-H member for post-secondary studies. The scholarships rotate each year among the 4 regions — east, west, north and south.

3. There are 27 district, county and area scholarships awarded annually with money invested, in trust, by the provincial treasurer. Twenty-five of these are ratified at the spring semi-annual board meeting and two at the annual board meeting in November. The current amount of each award is \$200.

They are as follows:

#### Spring Ratification

- Bruce County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Cochrane-Timiskaming District Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Dufferin County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Elgin County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Grey County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship (Flora Durnin)
- Huron County Ontario

- Women's Institute Scholarship
- Kingston Area Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship (Annie G. Haggerty)
- Lambton County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Leeds East District Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- London Area Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship (Maryn Pardy)
- Manitoulin District Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Middlesex County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Northern Area Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Northumberland East District Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Northumberland West District Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Ontario County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship (Ethel P. Chapman)
- Ottawa Area Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Oxford County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Peel County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Perth North District Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship (Jean Scott)
- Simcoe Area North Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Simcoe Area South Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Thunder Bay District Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- Wellington South District Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
- York County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship (Anna P. Lewis)

#### Fall Ratification

- Algoma District Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship (Lillian Petty)
  - Prince Edward County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship
4. The *Helen M. McKercher* Scholarship, established in 1976, is awarded annually to a graduate in Home Economics from a Canadian university or college who is continuing her studies at a higher

level. The amount of this award in 1985 is \$1100. Half of the award is granted at the beginning of the course and the other half upon completion.

5. The *International Scholarship* was established in 1962 with a sum of \$50,000 raised over a period of four years. This money is used to train young women from under-developed countries so they may go back and teach their own people. The most recent recipient is Libbylu Allen of Jamaica, who is accomplishing some excellent work in that country.

6. *Self-administered County/District/Branch scholarships*

- Dorcas Grier Memorial Scholarship (\$110) Pine Ridge W.I. in Simcoe North.
- Bereniece Ballentyne Women's Institute Scholarship — Frontenac District W.I.
- Prescott County W.I. Scholarship — Prescott County W.I.
- Kent East W.I. Scholarship — Kent East W.I.
- Thunder Bay Rally Committee Runner-up Scholarship (25) — T.B. Rally Committee

At the provincial level, the scholarship committee is composed of the President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year Board Director and the Rural Organizations Coordinator, OMAF. This committee meets twice a year at the time of the annual and semi-annual meetings.

For more background information on scholarships, see the Ontario Women's Institute Story, pg. 53-56, 113-115.

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