

Patricia Alexander Grant Scholarship

An annual award of \$2,000.

Background

Patricia Alexander Grant enjoyed a long career as a high school teacher and guidance counsellor in Collingwood, Ontario, volunteered in her local community, and was an active member of Trinity United Church. She had a rare ability to see the whole person and to know this could strengthen them to be and become their best self - no matter how society and/or life had treated them. Patricia died in 2022.

Friends of Patricia have created a scholarship at the Centre for Christian Studies to honour Patricia's gift of relationship and support to the many she helped throughout her lifetime.

Patricia's passion for justice and her choices for activism supported and inspired countless students and other individuals, especially when they were facing adversity or injustice. Her faith informed everything she did. Patricia's awareness of the Divine in humanity and creation made her a dedicated advocate for human rights and for ecological sustainability.

As a national, graduate theological school of the United Church of Canada, the Centre for Christian Studies trains people in the areas of justice (fair, equitable treatment and right action), spiritual care (concerning the wellbeing of the whole person and living well in community), and education (how people grow and change), with a faith-based approach.

Here students and friends who work to eliminate colonization, racism, classism, sexism, and all oppression can find a community that seeks another way, rooted in the Christian tradition of love and peace.

Offering a scholarship in Patricia's name, for a CCS student who will benefit from this kind of support, seems a very good way to honour the life Patricia so richly led.

Terms of the Trust

The Patricia Alexander Grant Scholarship is for a current Centre for Christian Studies student who is in financial need, with particular consideration given for a student who is Black, Indigenous, a Person of Colour/racialized, Two-Spirit, LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, plus), or who lives with a disability.

Funding for the Scholarship comes from an annual gift made by friends of Patricia Alexander Grant. The scholarship will be offered annually for as long as funding is made available.

The scholarship is for \$2,000.

There is no application process. Nominations can be made to CCS Program Staff who will then make a recommendation to the Awards Committee in September, with supporting information. The Awards Committee will meet, when there is a recommendation, to confirm the decision and notify the recipient of the grant.

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