

2024 Bev LaPointe Memorial Scholarship for Women in Trades

Details

The Bev LaPointe Memorial Scholarship for Women in Trades has been established by Kootenay Career Development Society in memory of founding Board Chair, Bev Lapointe. Bev served KCDS from May 2004 until December 2012 and was passionate about the work of the society. She was a strong supporter of job seekers and workers in our community and always championed workers' rights. She was fierce in her defense of women's rights both in the workplace and community. She committed many years to the Canadian Union of Public Employees, working as President of CUPE 339 Nelson Municipal workers, General Vice President on the CUPE BC executive board, chair of CUPE's BC environment committee and member of CUPE's National environment committee.

Bev was the FIRST woman hired to work for the City of Nelson and was employed with the city for 32 years (1980-2012), working in parks and public works. Locals often saw her travelling down the street in her snow plow, bus or street sweeper, joking "you bet I drive like a woman!"

Launched in May of 2016 the Bev LaPointe Memorial Scholarship for Women in Trades offers a \$3000 scholarship to a full time or part time female student in the trades. The scholarship is meant to support women interested in a career path that has historically been under-represented by women. In 2011, women accounted for only 14% of registered apprentices and were concentrated in certain trades, including hairstylists and cooks, with small proportions in most other trades. Women account for only 2% of carpentry apprentices, 1.9% of plumbing apprentices, and 1.5% of heavy equipment apprentices. (Source: Statistics Canada) The successful applicant must be accepted by an accredited college, university, vocational school, or apprenticeship program validated by the ITA for trades.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be registered as a full time or part time female student in a trades training program; and
- Be a permanent resident of the region that Kootenay Career Development Society serves which includes: Nelson, Castlegar, Salmo, Kaslo, the Village of Slocan and RDCK areas D, E, F, G, H, I & J as well as Trail, Rossland, Warfield, Fruitvale, Montrose, and RDKB areas A & B; and
- Self-identify as a woman

Application Requirements

1. Bev Lapointe Memorial Scholarship for Women in Trades Application Form
2. Resume
3. Essay that describes how applicant's education and career goals are aligned with the trades and why the applicant is choosing this career path
4. At least one reference letter

A selection committee comprised of KCDS representatives will review the applications and decide based on the following criteria: demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the trades, importance of the trade to this region, and residency in the KCDS service region.

Please send completed applications to:

Savina Kelly or Jocelyn Carver
c/o Kootenay Career Development Society
#3 – 86 Baker St Nelson, BC V1L 4G9
savina.kelly@kcds.ca |
jocelyn.carver@kcds.ca

Deadline for submission is June 30th, 2024

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please type or print clearly
2. Return completed application and all related documents as outlined on the application checklist (page 2)
3. Submit completed applications by June 30th, 2024

If you have questions, please contact Savina Kelly at savina.kelly@kcds.ca or Jocelyn Carver at Jocelyn.carver@kcds.ca

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant name (Last Name)	Given name(s)	E-mail Address:
Home address		Telephone Number
City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Confirmation of residency (requirement) attached?		Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>

APPLICATION QUESTION

What factors will support your success in this endeavour?

PROGRAM ENROLMENT

Name of certificate, diploma, degree or apprenticeship you plan to enrol in:

Name of academic institution you plan to attend:

I certify that I have carefully read and completed the Application and the statements made therein are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature:

yyyy/mm/dd

Internal Use Only: Date Application Received _____

Bev LaPointe Memorial Scholarship For Women in Trades Application Checklist

(Please ensure all of the items below are included in your application package upon submission)



COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM



APPLICANT RESUME

Please attach a current resume to the application. Need help creating one? Ask us; we have resources to help you!



APPLICANT ESSAY (MAXIMUM 1000 WORDS)

Typewritten essays preferred though legible, hand-written essays will also be accepted.

This is an opportunity to introduce yourself to the Bev Lapointe Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee. Write a briefessay that will help the committee get to know the person behind the application. The essay should explain why you are interested in a career in the trades, why you have chosen a particular trade, your career aspirations, and an indication of what the receipt of the scholarship would mean to you.



REFERENCE LETTER

Include at least one reference letter from an employer, a former employer, instructor or similar.

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