

Award # 46135
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Award type: fellowship

Ruthlee Teskey Memorial Fellowship

In memory of Ruthlee Teskey, B.A./66, Cert.Ed./67, PB. Cert.Ed./92, her family generously established an endowment fund at the University of Manitoba in 2015. The Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative has made a contribution to the fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide a fellowship for graduate students in the Faculty of Education who are specializing in Inclusive Education. Each year, beginning in 2017-2018, the available annual interest from the fund will be used to offer one fellowship to a graduate student who:

- (1) is enrolled full-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies in the Inclusive Education Specialization of the Master of Education program delivered by the Faculty of Education;
- (2) has achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 based on the previous 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study;
- (3) has demonstrated the qualities of motivation, compassion and original thought.

Candidates will be required to provide a letter of reference (maximum 500 words) from an Inclusive Education instructor or professor that describes how the candidate meets criterion (3).

The Vice-Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or designate) will ask the Dean of the Faculty of Education (or designate) to name the selection committee for this award.

The Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba has the right to modify the terms of this award if, because of changed conditions, it becomes necessary to do so. Such modification shall conform as closely as possible to the expressed intention of the donor in establishing the award.

Established: *Senate, October 7, 2015*

Biographical Information:

Ruthlee Teskey was a respected and well-loved teacher in the Winnipeg School Division, herself a graduate of Kelvin High School and the University of Manitoba. Her career began with English Studies and progressed to Special Needs Education, in which she was an early innovator. Ruthlee was brilliant, widely curious, funny, eccentric, compassionate, and fierce. She was devoted to her family and her special students (many of whom became part of her extended family), and she courageously pursued her professional goals in the face of personal obstacles. Undoubtedly, she would have been pleased to encourage and support others hoping to do the same.