

Award # 26095
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Award type: bursary

Jennifer Brown Gerus Memorial Bursary

As a memorial tribute to Jennifer Rae Brown Gerus (PB Dip.Ed./07), Roman Gerus (B.Sc.(C.E.)/01) and daughter Natasia, along with Dr. Oleh Gerus (B.A./62, M.A./64) and Yvonne (Bonnie) Gerus (B.A./64) have established an endowment fund at the University of Manitoba. An initial gift of \$30,000 was made to establish the fund in 2013. The Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative has made a contribution to the fund. The purpose of the gift is to provide financial support to students in the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Education program. Beginning in the 2015-2016 academic year, the available annual interest from the fund will be used to offer one or more bursaries to students who:

- (1) are enrolled as full-time or part-time students in the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Education program at the University of Manitoba;
- (2) have achieved a minimum degree grade point average of 2.5;
- (3) have demonstrated financial need on the standard University of Manitoba bursary application form;

Preference will be given to those students taking courses in the following areas of study: Counselling, Early Years Education, or Reading/Language Arts.

The selection committee will have the discretion to determine the number and value of bursaries offered every year.

The selection committee will be named by the Dean of Education (or designate).

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, September 3, 3014*

Biographical Information:

Jennifer Rae Gerus (nee Brown) was born on May 7, 1979. A patron of the arts, a caring mother, and a generous friend, Jennifer touched the lives of many. Her adventurous spirit and knowledge added to our education and warmed the hearts of those who had the pleasure of knowing her. Throughout Jennifer's life she had a special affinity for nurturing and working with children. This led her to her chosen career as a special education resource teacher specializing in Reading Recovery. Jennifer's passion for learning and her commitment to supporting struggling students in their learning journeys was exceptional. Jennifer's family has established this bursary because they feel it is important to continue Jennifer's legacy. They hope it will make a difference in the lives of students who follow in her footsteps and help them achieve their educational goals in the future – she would be so pleased.