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CATHERINE MARY SKINNER MEMORIAL AWARD IN EARLY YEARS EDUCATION

In memory of Catherine Mary Skinner (Cathie), her husband, George, has established an endowment fund at the University of Manitoba. Friends and family and the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative have also made contributions to this endowment fund. Cathie had a life long dream of becoming an elementary school teacher. She began her pursuit of the Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Manitoba in 1973. After two years in the program, she put her studies on hold as she and George moved to Ottawa. There, Cathie pursued other career opportunities, but her desire to teach did not fade. Upon return to Winnipeg in 1996, Cathie returned to finish her Education degree. Through hours of dedication and hard work, Cathie achieved highly in her course work, but her true excellence shone in the classroom. She student-taught at Riverview School and was nearing her May Convocation when her life was cut short by cancer on May 21, 2000.

This scholarship in honour of Cathie shall be offered for the first time in the summer of 2001. In 2001 and 2002, it will be valued at \$300. Starting in 2003, the scholarship shall be valued at the available annual income from the fund supporting it. The scholarship shall be offered to the undergraduate student who:

- (1) has completed the first year of the After-Degree Program in the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba while enrolled as a full-time student (60% of a full course load), specifically in the Early Years Education program;
- (2) has achieved high academic standing on courses completed in the first year of the program (minimum 3.5 grade point average);
- (3) demonstrates greatest promise as a teacher among the eligible group, as evidenced through a report of teaching excellence submitted by his/her practicum supervisor to the Faculty of Education awards committee;
- (4) continues as a full-time student (60% of a full course load) in the second year of the Early Years program.

If the selected recipient does not register as required, the award shall be offered to the next eligible candidate.

The selection committee shall be named by the Dean of the Faculty of Education and will include a representative of the donor, who shall be named each year by the donor to the committee.

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