

Marguerite Wallman Prize of Excellence in STEM Education

In honour of Marguerite Muriel Wallman, an endowment fund was established at the University of Manitoba in 2017. The purpose of the fund is to recognize an Education student who demonstrates excellence and innovation in the area of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. Each year, beginning in the 2019-2020 academic session, the available annual income will be used to offer one prize to an Education student who:

- (1) has successfully met the relevant academic and program requirements of the Bachelor of Education degree in the Faculty of Education;
- (2) has demonstrated excellence and innovation in STEM education, including creative pedagogy, scholarship, leadership, outreach and performance in the practicum classroom, school and/or volunteer activities; and
- (3) has achieved a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0.

To be considered for the Prize, on or before March 31st in any year, students may:

- (1) be independently nominated by a faculty (professor or instructor), faculty advisor (faculty supervisor in the practicum), and/or a cooperating teacher(s) [supervising certified teacher in the practicum classroom] with a letter of nomination; or
- (2) solicit support for their nomination from a faculty, faculty advisor and/or cooperating teacher; or
- (3) solicit support for their nomination from a relevant individual who can speak directly to their experience (e.g., volunteer coordinator, supervisor, etc.).

Letters of nomination and support must directly address the student's demonstrated excellence and innovation in STEM education. Criteria to be considered by the selection committee include, but are not limited to: creativity, innovation, scholarship, leadership, outreach (e.g., STEM related extra-curricular activities in the practicum school or STEM related volunteer work with young people, especially with focus on supporting female), and performance in the practicum classroom and school. In accordance with the donor's wishes, preference will be given to activities and work which supports young women to be successful in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

A Statement of Achievement by the student must either be submitted by the student, or will be requested should they be nominated. The statement should articulate their STEM activities and how they have met the Prize criteria. The Statement of Achievement may include supporting material(s) [e.g., photos or video of STEM lessons/activities, lesson plans].

If the Prize is awarded to a graduating student, then it will be recognized accordingly in the Spring Convocation.

The Dean of the Faculty of Education (or designate) will name the selection committee for this Prize.

This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the donor (or designate) and the University of Manitoba. All such amendments shall be in writing. In the absence of the donor (or designate), and providing all reasonable efforts have been made to consult, 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.

Biographical Information:

Marguerite Muriel Wallman (nee Sharpe) attended Miami High School, where she was an excellent student. She completed her Grade XI when she was only 14, but was too young to attend Normal School. She spent the next two years helping out on the family farm before entering the teacher training program in Winnipeg. At the ripe old age of 17, she received her first teaching job at Wintergreen School near Piney, Manitoba. She then moved to Melrose School, near Garson, and later to Steep Rock, Manitoba. After her marriage and the birth of her daughter, she returned to the classroom, teaching at Rosebank, Manitoba before spending virtually the rest of her working life in classrooms in the West Kildonan School District. Even in retirement she couldn't keep away from teaching and accepted a position with the Winnipeg School Division, which included a stint at Ellen Douglas School. It turned out to be the most rewarding and enjoyable of all.

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