



Every Woman Can: The Maria Eriksen Memorial Bursary

As an outspoken voice for the advancement and equality of women, Dr. Maria Eriksen was a social advocate involved with various initiatives since the women's movement began in the 1970s. Her most recent project was tackling a huge issue facing Alberta's immigrants—obtaining the Canadian accreditation or training they require in order to become fully employed in their field.

Dr. Eriksen was the founding chair of the Immigrant Access Fund Society of Alberta (IAF), a nonprofit organization that offers micro loans to internationally trained and educated immigrants to help overcome the financial barriers they face in becoming able to work in their field in Alberta.

In 2008, Dr. Eriksen was made an officer of the Order of Canada for her lifetime dedication to making social change in her community

Dr. Eriksen was also the founding member and chair of the Famous Five Foundation. Taking her vision for change beyond the local community, Dr. Eriksen also sat on the board of directors of the new Alberta Global Forum, an initiative that brings people together to debate on issues that affect the province.

Dr. Eriksen set up an endowed scholarship through the Calgary Sexual Health Centre (which she played a major role in forming) and also gave back to community through the Maria K. Eriksen and Harold Hanen Fund at The Calgary Foundation.

VALUE: \$3,000 (three bursaries at \$1,000 each)

CONDITIONS: The Maria Eriksen Memorial Bursary funds professional development or technical training at an accredited institution to support the successful transition of an individual's life in Canada. The successful candidate must be an immigrant woman residing in Alberta who is attending school in order to return to her pre-immigration field of work. Applicants must be in financial need and currently enrolled in an accredited educational institution. (Check with your school if you are not sure if they are accredited.)

APPLY TO: Every Woman Can Maria K. Eriksen Bursary
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(Subject: Maria Eriksen Memorial Bursary)

DEADLINE: June 15, 2012



Every Woman Can: The Maria K. Eriksen Memorial Bursary Application Form

Personal Information (Please Print):

Surname: _____ Given: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy): _____ S.I.N: _____

How long have you been in Alberta? _____

Immigration Status: Permanent Resident ☐ Canadian Citizen ☐ Convention Refugee ☐

Financial Information:

Marital status: Single ☐ Married ☐ Common-law ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐

Are you currently employed? _____

Name of spouse: _____ Occupation: _____

Is your spouse currently employed? _____

Combined monthly household income (if unknown please indicate): _____

Number of dependents in your household: _____

Any other relevant financial information:



Educational Information

Name of institution currently attending: _____

Full or Part Time: _____ Duration of Program: _____

Program Name / Description: _____

Describe your educational background/training in your home country:

How will this bursary help you realize your goal of becoming employed in your field in Canada?

PRIVACY AND CONSENT

The Calgary Foundation respects your privacy. For detailed information regarding the Foundation's privacy policy, please call 403-802-7707.

The information that I provided for this application is true, accurate and complete.

I am aware that providing incomplete or false information will be considered fraud and will affect my ability to access future funding.

I authorize The Calgary Foundation to access student information maintained by the post-secondary institution that I will and/or am attending for the purpose of determining and verifying eligibility for, and the general administration of the award(s) for which I have applied. I am aware that the granting of these awards is subject to conditions listed in my acceptance letter.

I authorize the Selection Committee to contact references if needed. I authorize The Calgary Foundation to distribute this application to the Selection Committee for review.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____



CONSENT FOR PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENT

Signing this consent form permits The Calgary Foundation to publicly recognize the achievement of the student as a recipient of the award.

If selected for an award, consent is given to The Calgary Foundation to publish the student's name, school location with award(s) received, and future post-secondary plans. This and celebrating recognition may take place at public award ceremonies or be displayed publicly in one or more ways including but not limited to newspaper, school newsletter, and yearbook for the purpose of recognizing student accomplishment(s). It is understood that not signing this consent will not prejudice the consideration of student award applications.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____