

Call for Applications

Dr. Edith Rowles Simpson Family Finance Award

Individual Home Economists and/or Home Economics Associations are encouraged to apply for this award which supports professional updating in family finance.

Purpose

The overall objective of the fund is to support work in family finance that will help empower families to enhance their quality of life. It targets potential leaders in the field who will invest their knowledge and expertise in improving the quality of life for families. Awards are available to support updating for **individuals or for groups** through support of a seminar, conference or workshop that provides updating for a group.

Value

For individuals, the amount of the award is up to \$1000. For groups, the committee may award more than \$1000, depending on the nature of the project. More than one award may be made as funds permit.

Eligibility

Applicants must be Canadian home economists or permanent residents with a commitment to work in the area of family finance and who plan to pursue their careers in Canada. **Graduate students** are eligible to apply; the committee would prefer applications for a specific project (e.g. attendance at a scholarly or professional conference related to family finance) rather than general applications to support graduate study.

Deadline

Deadline for applications is **June 30** with a decision by the selection committee to be made by August 15.

Application

The application of no more than four pages should include the following information:

- * Name of applicant, and contact information (mailing address, telephone number, fax number, email address).
- * Academic and professional background including degrees, diplomas and other academic qualifications as well as a listing of professional memberships and a brief resume of relevant work experience.
- * Proposed professional development project (limit 500 words) to include:
 - * Description of project seminar, conference, workshop, classes or other activity the applicant wants funded.
 - * Objectives of the proposed activities and anticipated benefits and outcomes of participation in terms of the objective of the Edith Rowles Simpson Recognition Fund.
 - * Budget, including proposed use of funds and identification of other funds sought or received.
 - * Schedule of activities including date funding is required and planned date of final report to committee.

Applications should be submitted electronically as an e-mail attachment in WORD, RTF or PDF to gmoos@mts.net Phone & fax: 204-895-8016

Criteria

The committee will assess the applicant's background and experience and the proposal in terms of the likelihood that the project will ultimately result in services and/or programs which will directly benefit families.

For more information go to www.homefamily.net and click on 'awards', or contact

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A Committee of ASHE screens the applications and recommends recipients to the CHEF.

Examples of Proposals Which Have Been Funded

Continuing Education for Groups

Financial Forum I and II: meetings for financial counselors and educators in Western Canada.

Training for staff and volunteers of an NGO which provides services to families. Training topics over four years were: addictions, recovery and co-dependency and how these affect a person's behaviour and family dynamics; counselling/life skills training; financial counseling; wills and estate planning and on-line banking and security.

Continuing Education for Individuals

Attendance at the annual conference of the Association for Financial Counseling & Planning Education (AFCPE).

Enrolment in courses to earn the Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC) designation, and the Chartered Financial Planners (CFP) designation.

Enrolment in two certification courses, The Family Business Advisor, and Advanced Facilitation, at the Centre for Family Business, Waterloo ON.

Enrolment in certification training in conflict resolution from Mediation Services, Winnipeg.

Attendance at course on Comprehensive Family and Divorce Mediation given as part of Conflict Resolution Certificate Program of the British Columbia Institute of Justice.

Other Ideas for Proposals

Groups or professional associations could

- Bring in a guest speaker or workshop resource person for an annual meeting, or other event. Teachers, for example, could host an updating event focusing on methods and materials used in teaching family finance.
- Produce resource materials for use by home economists.

Individuals could apply for funds to visit sites to learn how others are providing family financial services, or to serve a short "apprenticeship" at a centre.

For a complete list of past recipients of the Edith Rowles Simpson Family Finance Award and the titles of their projects see www.homefamily.net and click on Awards.