

VERNA HART TOOLE LEGACY AWARD

Verna Hart was a woman who believed that education could transform lives. She lived to ensure that others could pursue their educational dreams though she did not have that same opportunity. Verna knew how important an education was -- particularly for women. The Verna Hart Toole Legacy continues her hope for others. This award is intended to support females who are facing or who have overcome challenges to provide them with financial support and encouragement to pursue post-secondary education.

DONOR: Gloria Toole

WHERE TENABLE: Calgary Board of Education

FIELD OF STUDY: Unrestricted

VALUE: \$1,500

NUMBER: One

ELIGIBILITY: Open to **female** students registered in grade 12 who are completing the requirements of a high school diploma. Preference will be given to applicants who have been involved with the SPIRIT, STARBURST, HERA, or Louise Dean Centre School (LDC) programs. Participation in these programs is not a requirement. This award is intended to assist females who are facing or have overcome life struggles and who want to pursue further education.

Applicants are required to submit an original essay that addresses their goals and ambitions and answers the following questions: (a) what barriers are you facing or have you overcome to this point in your life and why is further education important to you; (b) if you pursue this course of study, what difference will it make in your life and in the lives of others; (c) how are you going to balance your learning with the rest of your life to make it all work. The essay must be no more than 500 words in length (one page, typed or printed). Please identify in the essay if you are currently experiencing limited resources to pursue post-secondary education.

Two letters of recommendation are required. One letter must be provided from a school official who knows the applicant as a learner. The other letter must be from an official from the SPIRIT, STARBURST, HERA or LDC program. If the applicant was not part of these programs, the second reference must be from an employer, or a community leader representing a community-based organization (not from the same school).

Selection will be based on the essay and reference letters.

APPLY: Applicants should complete the EducationMatters **General Application for Awards**. Complete application packages should be submitted to the Scholarship Coordinator at the Applicant's high school

SELECTION & PAYMENT: Recipients are selected in September. To claim the award, within one (1) year of notification of award the recipient must be registered in an eligible program of post-secondary study leading to a certificate, diploma or degree. Payments will be made to the post-secondary institutions.

DEADLINE: Normally **May 30** to the Scholarship Coordinator at the Applicant's high school. Applicants should check with their Guidance office for application deadlines in their school.