

Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund

A Bursary for Women of the United Church Sponsored by the National UCW

The **Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund** was established by the National UCW in 2003. The fund is fully supported by a bequest left by Agatha Kaasa, for women's work in the church.



Margaret Agatha (Coultes) Kaasa (1909–2000) was born in Huron County, Ontario, attended Wingham High School, and trained as a registered nurse at Grove Memorial Hospital, Fergus. Agatha worked as a private nurse for several years. She then trained as a lay minister at St. George's College, Toronto. She worked for nine years in the Maynooth, Alberta area as lay minister to four charges. She also undertook hospital visitation in Toronto as well as Edmonton. Agatha was an active member of the Woman's Missionary Society and later of the UCW.

Who can apply?

Any woman who is part of The United Church of Canada and is *not* in paid accountable ministry.

What kinds of requests does the fund support?

- leadership training and education
- continuing education
- projects or events that promote education, mission, outreach, spiritual nurture, and ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, locally or abroad

Note: Formal theological education is not funded, for example, M.Div. and D.Min. degrees, Centre for Christian Studies programs or similar programs.

How much money does the bursary fund offer?

The recipient can receive up to one-third of the total expenses related to the request, with a maximum bursary of \$1,500.

Will all requests be funded?

Requests will be funded at the discretion of the bursary committee, as funds permit.

How often can individuals apply for a bursary?

Applicants can apply once a year. *Preference will be given to first-time applicants.*

Application Procedures

- Applicants can only apply to one of the two grants offered by National UCW for the same event.
- You must submit a complete application prior to the event.

We encourage women of the church to attend events related to the work and development of the United Church.

Application Deadlines

Apr. 15

Oct. 15



Decision Deadlines

June 15

Dec. 15

Send applications to:

UCW—Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund
The United Church of Canada
3250 Bloor St. West, Suite 200
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

or e-mail ucw@united-church.ca

For more information, please contact:

UCW Representative at General Council Office:
416-231-5931 ext. 4137 or 1-800-268-3781 ext. 4137



AGATHA KAASA BURSARY FUND
Application Form
For Women of The United Church of Canada

This bursary is *not* for:

- women in any paid accountable ministry
- support for any courses or events leading to a formal theological education* or toward designated lay ministry

*“Formal theological education” includes, e.g., M.Div. and D.Min. degrees, any theological college, the Centre for Christian Studies, and similar programs.

(Please print)

Personal Details

Name (in full): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (day _____ (evening) _____

Fax: _____ E-mail address: _____

Pastoral charge: _____

Conference: _____ Presbytery: _____

Lay Ministry personnel

Name of program, course, or event: _____

Location: _____

Date of event: _____

Sponsoring institution: _____

Give a brief description of the program, course, or event, and how it will enhance your work:

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Financing

Expenses

Course fee: _____

Travel: _____ km. x rate _____

Accommodation: _____

Meals _____

Other (specify): _____

Total expenses: _____

Revenue

Personal funds _____

Congregation/Employer: _____

Other (specify): _____

Funds requested: _____

Total revenue: _____

Terms

- I have previously received money from this fund: Yes No
- If my request or part thereof is granted, I agree to provide my Social Insurance Number so that the cheque can be produced at General Council Office. This is a requirement of Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
- Two written recommendations/references must be supplied from within the United Church community. (If women from the same church/Presbyterial/Conference are applying, they cannot be references for one another.)
- I shall submit to NUCW a written report on the course and its benefits to church work and to me, the applicant.
- **If I do not attend the program, course, or event, I agree to return the bursary in full to the Agatha Kaasa Fund.**

This application must be submitted prior to the event and by the deadline of April 15 or October 15. If the 15th of April or October falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the application must be received at General Council Office by the following Monday. If the 15th is a holiday, the application must be received at General Council Office on the next business day.

Send applications to:

UCW—Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund **or e-mail** ucw@united-church.ca
 The United Church of Canada
 3250 Bloor St. West, Suite 200
 Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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