**Resource for Youth – Patricia J. Hames Award**

The Canadian Home Economics Foundation (CHE Foundation) invites applications for a special granting program directed to the development of life skills in Canadian youth. The impetus for this initiative came from the late Dr. Elizabeth Feniak, CM, former chair of the CHE Foundation, and the inspiration provided by Hon. Claudette Bradshaw, former M.P. and Minister of Labour and Federal Coordinator on Homelessness, Government of Canada.

At the Foundation Executive meeting on October 7, 2017, the award became a designated award with funds provided from the estate of Patricia J. Hames. Dr. Hames was a noted educator and accomplished seamstress who knew no boundaries in making innovative use of technology tools. Pat embarked on a lengthy career in education, starting with teaching at Loyalist College and Vocational Institute in its first year of operation, and ending with a senior position as a regional representative for Ontario’s Ministry of Education. At the Ministry, Pat’s portfolios included aboriginal education, assessment, equity, and family studies. She worked on the Ministry’s regional offices in St. Catharines and London, and assisted school boards and First Nations with curriculum and policy implementation. While Pat pursued her educational development career, she completed a PhD at Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas.

Over its lifetime, the program will provide a maximum of $5,000 per year in grants. More than one grant may be awarded. Canadian primary, elementary or secondary school home economics/family studies educators are encouraged to apply to share in these funds.

Objectives:

* To develop life skills through the retention and strengthening of home economics/family studies programs in Canadian schools.
* To assist in program areas lacking sufficient funding by schools or families.

Examples of grants:

* Needs assessment or evaluation of school breakfast or snack programs, after school activities, such as budgeting and smart shopping workshops.
* Purchasing fabric for students with limited resources.
* Providing funds for child care for a student who needs to study for examinations.
* Paying admission and transportation costs for hone economics/human ecology/family studies related field trips to support students with limited resources.
* Provide funds for classroom projects to benefit community/volunteer initiatives.

*\*Operating costs and teaching supplies or equipment (including computer hardware and software) are NOT eligible. Provision of food (eg. for breakfast programs) is NOT funded.*

Criteria:

* Applicant must be a home economist/human ecologist/family studies teacher.
* The project must provide direct benefit to students and not be used for ongoing needs and costs.
* For large grants, evidence of community involvement and/or benefit a longer term potential must be demonstrated.

Applications:

* Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis, as received.

Procedure:

* Send the General Grant Application by email to [grants@chef-fcef.ca](mailto:grants@chef-fcef.ca) .
* Reasons for denial of application will be provided.
* The applicant’s school district will be notified that these funds have been granted.
* Preferably, the funds will be paid to the school to be accessed by the applicant.

Post-Project:

* A report and original receipts will be due at the completion of the project; any unused funds must be returned.

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