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The Ruth Graham Petch Memorial Scholarship **for a student entering a registered nursing program**

Ruth Graham Petch was devoted to her community and was the first school nurse of Chateauguay Valley Regional High School. She started in the Fall of 1967, when CVR opened. Among her many projects in the community, she created and organized the Christmas Basket Fund at CVR, which served the entire school community, for over 40 years. She also organized the Candy Strippers at the Barrie Memorial & Huntingdon Hospitals. In addition, Mrs. Graham Petch provided a multitude of acts of kindness to all CVR students during her career. Mrs. Graham Petch was also a valued director of the CVR Educational Foundation for many years and was extremely dedicated to helping the students of CVR throughout her life and career. The Foundation saw fit to name Mrs. Graham Petch as its first honorary lifetime member. She passed away on March 10th, 2021 and to commemorate her long-time involvement, a scholarship for a student entering a registered nursing program has been established in her name.

Each year, one scholarship of \$500 is awarded to a graduating student who is pursuing post-secondary education in a registered nursing 3-year program in CEGEP and/or a 2-year Health Science or Science leading to a B.Sc in Nursing at the university level. The student has kept an overall average of 80% and over in grade 11, is involved in the community, has shown leadership skills and altruistic qualities. Students apply for this scholarship following the criteria and guidelines set out by the CVR Educational Foundation. Applications are subjected to a blind review by a jury of 3 evaluators. See www.cvredfoundation.com/apply/ for details of this scholarship.

The \$500 scholarship is awarded at the graduation ceremony at the end of the school year. The CVR Educational Foundation will disburse 2 equal installments (September and January) to the recipient. The first instalment will be disbursed, in September, after the recipient confirms full-time attendance in a post-secondary institution in a program listed above. In addition to confirming full-time attendance, ***the recipient will need to send a copy of their Fall Transcript showing a minimum of 80 % overall average***, to receive the 2nd installment.

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Criteria

Dear applicant,

Bear in mind that the following criteria are used by the jury members that will review your submission. Please feel free to show this document to the people who will be writing your letters of reference.

1. Letters of Intent (20 points)

A letter of intent, identifying post-secondary education goals in a two-year pre-university program in Health Science or Science, leading to a B.Sc in Nursing or a 3-year CEGEP Nursing program leading to a DEC in Nursing. The student must state what experience(s) influenced his/her chosen career path. Within this context, the following may be used as examples, if applicable:

- School life (sports, cultural, leadership);
- Community life (working for service groups, sports, church or agricultural organizations);
- Work experience (part time and summer jobs)

2. Marks (20 points)

The student must submit the most recent Achievement Record issued by MEQ (Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur du Québec) and the latest (Term 2) CVRHS report card. The latter demonstrating an overall average of **80% or higher**.

3. Letter of reference from a CVR educator (10)

One letter of reference from a CVR High School educator reflecting the student's school/academic work ethic and potential for academic success.

4. Letter of reference from outside the school milieu (10)

One letter of reference from outside CVR High School milieu, providing a character reference and describing community involvement from an employer, a community leader or a sport coach (outside of school sports).