

Who Can Apply

Each year, the Union of Northern Workers sponsors up to 10 scholarships, available in the amount of \$3,000.00 dollars each, for students enrolled in full time post-secondary study.



Scholarships are open to those who have been accepted for full time post-secondary study who are:

- UNW members in good standing as of the application deadline, OR
- current, retired, or deceased members' spouses and relatives whose permanent place of residence is Canada

The definition of a relative is: a spouse, parent, child (including a step-child or foster child) or grandchild.

No applicant will be awarded a scholarship in two (2) consecutive years.

2 of the 10 scholarships are reserved for successful candidates who have never attended post-secondary education. Be sure to fill out that part of the application form if this applies to you!

How to Apply

You can find all application instructions, forms, and submission details on our website at:

www.unw.ca/josie-gould-memorial-scholarship

Applications must include a completed application form, a 3-page essay, and a photo of the applicant.

Any missing information may disqualify you from the competition.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, on the last business day of June each year.

Any applications received late will not be considered; applicants can re-apply the next year.

For more information, visit our website or contact the UNW office:

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- Attend Local and Regional meetings
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- Participate in union activities

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Josie Gould Memorial Scholarship



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Josie Gould: Mother, Worker, Activist, Leader

Josie Gould was born in Smokey Lake, Alberta and was one of 15 children. Afflicted with tuberculosis, she spent the first 13 years of her life in the Aberhart Sanatorium where she gained the strength and internal fortitude to overcome the many challenges presented to her.

Josie moved to Yellowknife in 1964 where she worked for the Stanton Hospital, the Northern Canada Power Commission, Precambrian Mining, and finally the Government of the Northwest Territories. Josie remained with the government in various departments over the next 34 years.

Starting in 1970, she began her involvement with the UNW and in 1987 became a member of the Union's Executive, a position she held until her retirement.

Her untiring efforts had profound effects on union members who knew her over those years. She became involved with the UNW partly because she was always a champion of the underdog, or of anyone who needed her assistance.

The other part of why Sister Josie became involved with her Union was because on one occasion, "management" tried to take advantage of her. Josie went to battle, and with her union's help, fought for her rights and won. This was at a time when very few women stood up to their bosses.

Proud and empowered by her victory, Josie took the bit in her teeth and went on to fight for others who either couldn't or were just too afraid to stand up for their rights.

Josie battled injustice, discrimination and harassment wherever she found it, and she taught and encouraged her fellow union members to do the same.

That was her nature, and her personal life reflected this through her work with Special Olympics, Youth Bowling, the Baker Centre, the Ladies of the Royal Purple, the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and Victim Services.

Josie was not only a union activist but a leader as well. Starting at the Local level, she served in nearly every position in her Local executive, including President. She was then a long-serving Regional Vice President for the UNW's Sombe K'e Region.

As a Regional Vice President, she sat on the Union's core Executive and had direct influence in directing the Union of Northern Workers.

Josie also played a significant role in many contract negotiations with the Government of the Northwest Territories, the NWT Power Corporation and many other employers.

Because of her staunch commitment to the UNW, and because of her devotion to helping youth, the Josie Gould Scholarship was created upon her retirement. After her death in August 2008, the Scholarship was renamed the "Josie Gould Memorial Scholarship."

Today, in her name, financial assistance for post secondary education is awarded yearly to up to 10 full time post-secondary students who understand the importance of the labour movement.

