



BARBARA MACWHA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Barbara MacWha (May 30, 1932 – January 5, 2020) was a devoted patron of the Whitewater Region Public Library. Barbara became a school teacher in the late 1940s and started teaching in St. Lambert, Quebec, where she first met her husband, Jim. Barbara and Jim got married on August 20th in 1955 and had five sons together. The couple were prolific travellers, living in and travelling to Lennoxville, Kingston, Winnipeg, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. They eventually settled in Foresters Falls in 1996.



Barbara always enjoyed books, poetry, and reading. She always hoped her children and grandchildren would find as much joy in these pleasures as she did. Education was very important in Barbara's life as she saw the value it could give people. Barbara was fascinated to watch the change of technology and society over the course of the 20th and early 21st centuries. She kept a keen imagination and an eager eye to the future.

The Whitewater Region Public Library would like to thank the funders, Jim MacWha and the Estate of Barbara MacWha, for their generosity.

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Whitewater Region Public Library is committed to the success and educational pursuits of its student patrons. The Library encourages community participation, literacy, and post-secondary studies. This scholarship is offered to support students of any age or year of study from the Township of Whitewater Region who are enrolled in post-secondary education.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The applicant must:

1. Be a resident of the Township of Whitewater Region;
2. Be a patron of the library;
3. Demonstrate an interest in libraries and literacy;
4. Not have received the Barbara MacWha Memorial Scholarship before (one award per applicant); and
5. Be enrolled in post-secondary studies at an accredited college or university.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Value of the Award:	\$500
Number of Awards:	Two
Frequency of the Award:	Annual
Level of Study:	Post-Secondary (College or University)
Application Contact:	Debbi McLaughlin, CEO, Whitewater Region Public Library wvrpubliclibrary@gmail.com 613-646-7592 12 Wren Drive, Cobden, ON, K0J 1K0
Application Deadline:	15 July 2026

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Complete the Application Form at the end of this document;
2. Write a short statement (300 words maximum) explaining why libraries and literacy are important in our community (The scholarship winner will be invited to publish their statement on the library website and local newspapers);
3. Provide proof of enrollment at an accredited post-secondary institution;
4. Provide proof of library patronage (library card scan or card number); and
5. Submit Completed application to wvrpubliclibrary@gmail.com or mail or drop off to 12 Wren Drive, Cobden, ON, K0J 1K0



APPLICATION FORM

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed Application Form
- Short Statement (300 words maximum) on the importance of libraries and literacy
- Proof of enrollment
- Proof of Library patronage