



SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Grants for Women – 2009 Report to Annual General Meeting

Grants for Women – 2009 – four \$7500.00 grants were awarded.

Recipients:

Michele Murphy – West – M.A. student at University of British Columbia's Centre of Women and Gender Studies. After graduating Michele hopes to work with women in Vancouver, advocating on behalf of survivors of violence and trauma and helping to make their voices heard.

Lauren Payne – West – M.A. student, Public Health, at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia. After graduating Lauren plans to continue to conduct research involving women's reproductive health service provision in marginalized populations in Canada. She will be a guest speaker at AGM.

Kimberley Allen – East – PhD student, Nursing, at the University of Toronto. Through research, Kimberley will continue her endeavours to enhance the experience of pregnancy and childbirth for all women. She also is a guest speaker at AGM.

Candace Brunette, - East – M.A. Student - Candace is a proud graduate of the Aboriginal Studies Program at the University of Toronto where she is completing a Master of Arts in Education. Her graduate research includes ways to present personal and tribal stories on the contemporary stage.

Applications received: West - 45 complete applications were received.

East – 55 complete applications were received.

Soroptimist Clubs, SI Cambridge – East; and SI Vancouver – West, created a short-list of 10 from each area. Three independent judges (from Thompson Rivers University) found the recipients from the short lists.

June 2009 – the updated application form was posted to website

Soroptimist Foundation of Canada is proud to deliver four \$7500 grants every year – grants to assist female students achieve post-graduate degrees and move into important fields that will help women and girls in Canada.

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