

Melanie Kitson Olthof Memorial Scholarship

In memory of her niece, Melanie Kitson Olthof, a dedicated educator, Gladys Boehler (B.A./'66) established an endowment fund at the University of Manitoba with an initial gift of \$50,000 in 2021. When funds are available, the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative may make a contribution to the award. The purpose of the scholarship is to support undergraduate students in the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba who intend to teach Science Education. Each year, beginning 2022-2023, the available annual income from the fund will be used to offer one or more scholarships to undergraduate students who:

- (1) are enrolled part-time or full-time in any stream of the Bachelor of Education program in the Faculty of Education;
- (2) have a teachable major in General Science, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics (or their equivalent) and/or hold a Bachelor of Science degree;
- (3) have achieved a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0; and
- (4) have demonstrated a commitment, interest, and involvement in Science Education as determined by the selection committee.

Candidates are required to submit: (i) a statement (maximum 250 words) which outlines how they meet criterion (4), and (ii) one letter of reference which supports their statement.

Candidates may also be nominated by a faculty member (professor or instructor), faculty advisor (faculty supervisor in the practicum), and/or cooperating teacher (supervising teacher in the practicum classroom) with a letter of nomination. Letters of nomination must directly address the student's demonstrated commitment, interest, and involvement in Science Education.

In the event that there are no eligible candidates who meet all of the criteria listed above, the scholarship may be awarded to students who meet criteria (1), (2), and (4), with a teachable major in a related area (e.g., Mathematics).

The selection committee will have the discretion to determine the number and value of awards offered each year based on the available funds, as outlined in the criteria above.

The Dean of the Faculty of Education (or designate) will name the selection committee for this award.

This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the donor (or designate) and the University of Manitoba. All such amendments shall be in writing. In the absence of the donor (or designate), and providing all reasonable efforts have been made to consult, the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba has the right to modify the terms of this award if, because of changed conditions, it becomes necessary to do so. Such modification shall conform as closely as possible to the expressed intention of the donor in establishing the award.

Established: *Senate, December 7, 2022*