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Sisters & Brothers

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Please find enclosed an application for the CUPE Ontario Bev Smale Scholarship Fund.

This scholarship was established in the name of sister Bev Smale, a long time activist from the Health Care Sector, who became a staff member of our union, and who passed away suddenly in 2007.

When this happened, members and staff alike wanted to do something to commemorate Bev and her contributions to CUPE in Ontario. Education was Bev's love, so it's appropriate that we remember our sister with the creation of a fund that will assist and encourage workers to pursue CUPE education opportunities.

Separate scholarships commemorating many CUPE Ontario activists and staff will also be awarded under the umbrella of the Bev Smale Scholarship Fund. Locals who want to contribute, or to create an endowment to have a scholarship offered in the name of an activist from their local, should contact CUPE Ontario directly for more information.

Once filled out and sent in to CUPE Ontario, each application will be kept active until December 31st of the year it is completed and will be considered for scholarships awarded to assist in attending the CUPE Ontario Summer, Fall and Spring Weekend Schools as well as the Summer Week Long School that takes place in Ontario each year.

We want to ensure that as many members as possible can access the scholarships being awarded under this fund. Only members from affiliated locals of CUPE Ontario, and newly formed locals negotiating their first Collective Agreement, will be eligible. All applicants will receive communication at some point during the year, if only to let them know that they have not yet been selected and encouraging them to apply again.

Please send completed Scholarship applications back to:

"CUPE Ontario Bev Smale Scholarship Fund"

CUPE Ontario
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CUPE Ontario and our members directly contribute to this fund as well. With every paid registration to an educational event in our province, \$5.00 is placed in our Scholarship Fund. Please pass around the information regarding the scholarships available and encourage members from your local union to apply. We look forward to seeing our scholarship winners at educational opportunities all throughout the year.

In solidarity,

Fred Hahn
Secretary Treasurer
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