

## Christine Collins Memorial Scholarship Application

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As a woman, union member, and mother working in a male-dominated industry, I've learned that representation isn't just important—it's transformational. *If you can see it, you can dream it, and if you can dream it, you can become it.* This simple but powerful idea has shaped my journey, and it's at the heart of why I'm so committed to supporting and advancing the women's movement within our union.

In my current role as Administration and Facilities Officer, I've had the privilege of working alongside an incredible team to negotiate our union's collective agreement—a challenging but deeply rewarding experience. It showed me what can be accomplished when we speak with one voice and stand firm in the fight for fairness and respect in the workplace. I was also part of our pay equity team, where I contributed to important work ensuring that compensation is free from gender-based disparities. These opportunities have not only strengthened my skills—they've fueled my determination to keep pushing for systemic change.

Despite the demands of full-time work and raising a family, I've made the commitment to continue my post-secondary education. I'm currently pursuing my Bachelor of Commerce through Thompson Rivers University by correspondence. Balancing work, motherhood, and education isn't easy—but it's necessary. I want to build the knowledge and tools to continue pushing boundaries, opening doors, and mentoring the next generation of women in our union.

This scholarship would not only support my education—it would directly invest in someone who is actively working to elevate women's voices within our movement. I'm committed to being the representation I once needed, and with your support, I can keep going further. I want to be the representation I didn't always have, and I want to help build a union culture where women feel empowered to speak up, take space, and lead.

With your support, I can continue on this path—not just for myself, but for every woman who is dreaming of doing the same.