

Ari Ariaratnam Education and Training Award

The Ari Ariaratnam Education and Training Fund (the “fund”) was established by the Board of Focus for Ethnic Women in 2003 in honour of Ari Ariaratnam, one of the founders of FEW and the first Executive Director, upon her retirement after 15 years of service. It was set up to celebrate her commitment to assisting immigrant visible minority women and is consistent with the vision and mission of FEW.

Immigrant and visible minority women experience multiple barriers to education, which prevent them from achieving their hopes and dreams for a better education and a higher quality of life. The fund will address these barriers on a continuum of needs basis. This flexible approach will be based on the principles of equity, unique life situation, and clearly established goals.

The Fund supports individuals who have met the prerequisites of an education or training program at an accredited Canadian institution, applied to the program and are subsequently accepted to the program. The amount awarded for each applicant will be a maximum of \$500, with up to 3 awards given per year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The applicants should be living in Waterloo Region and will include immigrant, refugee or visible minority women who have participated or are currently participating in any program offered by FEW.

Applicants should have met the pre-requisites of the education and training program being offered by an accredited Canadian institution. The award will be granted based on the acceptance into the education and training program.

FREQUENCY

The award will be granted annually, with up to 3 awards per year.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Forms are to be filled out and submitted before the deadline, April 30. Applicants must also provide a resume and up to two references, where possible.

Please forward completed applications to:

Focus For Ethnic Women
Attention: Chair of the Education and Training Fund Committee
33 Bridgeport Road East
Waterloo, ON N2J 2J4

Date: _____

**Ari Ariaratnam Education and Training Award
Application Form**

ABOUT THE APPLICANT

Name: _____
(first name) (last name)

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____
(home) (work)

When did you arrive in Canada? _____

What is your country of origin? _____

How did you learn about the Ari Ariaratnam Education and Training Award?

Which program did you attend at Focus for Ethnic Women _____

When did you attend (year) _____

Describe your past and present training/education/ employment experiences.

List any diplomas, certificates or degrees that you have obtained, if applicable.

Describe your career goals _____

ABOUT THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM

Describe the program or course in which you wish to apply or have applied for. How will this program assist you?

Which accredited Canadian institution is the program provided by? What are the entry requirements or prerequisites to be accepted into this program?

Describe which entry requirements you have completed. What is your plan for completing the remaining requirements, (if any)?

FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

Household income: under \$20,000 \$20,000-\$30,000
 \$30,000-\$40,000 over \$40,000

How many members are in your family: _____

What other sources of financial support will you receive while you are enrolled in the education or training program?

If you are granted the award , how will you use the money?

Please feel free to include with your application any supportive documentation. If you require more space, you may use additional paper.

CONFIRMATION

I grant permission to Focus For Ethnic Women to use my name and photograph in literature designed to promote Focus for Ethnic Women and the Education and Training Fund.

I AGREE I DISAGREE

In signing this application, I certify that all of the information contained in this application form is accurate and completed to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the review and release of this application to the appropriate persons of Focus for Ethnic Women and the Education and Training Fund Committee.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please note that if a member of the Ari Ariaratnam Education and Training Fund Committee has not contacted you by April 30, your application is not being considered this year.