

Shirley Jean Francis-Wiebe Bursary

Background:

Shirley Jean Francis-Wiebe was a tireless volunteer and dedicated accomplished athlete who devoted more than 50 years of her life to the sport of curling. Shirley, playing third, represented Ontario at 3 Canadian Ladies' National Championships winning silver in 1969. In 1985, Shirley competed at the Senior Ladies' National Championships and again won silver. In addition to these accomplishments, Shirley represented Northwestern Ontario at the Ladies' All Ontario championship 5 times and the Senior Ladies' provincial championships 4 times.

In giving back to the sport that was her passion, Shirley held various executive positions and was on the board of directors of the Kenora Curling Club. Her dedication extended to officiating at various competitions, helping organize bonspiels and representing the Kenora Curling Club on the Northwestern Ontario Ladies Curling Association.

This bursary is dedicated in Shirley's memory to encourage the development of curling athletes from communities west of Thunder Bay who would like to attend the Amethyst Curling Camp and may be faced with challenges to that desire, particularly financial challenges, and is for first time camp participants.

Amount to be awarded annually:

\$500/year.

Criteria:

- Must be currently residing in a community west of Thunder Bay and in the Districts of Kenora and Rainy River. Others may be considered in extraordinary circumstances.
- Must be in a financial situation where without this bursary, attendance at the Amethyst Camp would not be possible or would create hardship.
- Must have attended school on a full-time basis in the past year.
- Must not have attended the Amethyst Camp previously.

Application:

Use the NOCA Bursary Application and submit accompanying documents as per the instructions on the application information page.