

# **Diana Lemire Savidant Memorial Bursary**

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East Prince Women's Information Centre**

## **Eligibility Guidelines:**

### **Applicants:**

Applicants will be accepted from female residents of Prince County 18 years of age and older. The Award will be given to the applicant who displays the most potential for development and that sense of exploration in the visual arts epitomized by Diana Lemire Savidant's own career. Financial need will be an important factor in determining the recipient but not necessarily the only one.

Applicants are expected to be pursuing the arts as a career option or serious avocation.

### **Programs:**

- Study in the visual arts at recognized post-secondary institutions.
- Summers Schools or professional level courses.
- Advance workshops and seminars, minimum duration of 5 days.
- Programs of an amateur or hobby nature are not eligible for support.

### **The Award:**

- The bursary will be awarded in June of each year.
- The award will be presented in the form of a cheque or bank draft payable jointly to the successful applicant and the educational institute. ( this rule may vary if it is not applicable )
- No award will be made with expenses already incurred.
- Should the program applied for be cancelled or the recipient withdraw or fail to enroll, the funds must be returned to the East Prince Women's Information Centre.

**Applications:**

Applications will be received each year with a deadline of June 10. All Applications must be accompanied by a resume and a full description of the program being pursued. The applicant should include a one page summary of personal background in art achievement and what goals are being pursued by following the study program for which support is being requested. Applicants being selected for an interview must be prepared to display a small portfolio of work, preferably in more than one medium. Where the program is more than one year in duration, applicants are eligible to re-apply.

Send applications to:

East Prince Women's Information Centre

109 Water Street

Summerside, PEI, C1N 1A8

Att: Diana Savidant Bursary , OR

Fax: 902-888-2344 OR Email: [epwic@eastlink.ca](mailto:epwic@eastlink.ca)

**Background:**

The East Prince Women's Information Centre established a memorial bursary in Diana's name as a way of furthering art education for women in this area. In a small way the bursary pays tribute to Diana's generosity in the community where she donated many of her works to institutions such as Notre Dame Place, Prince County Hospital and the Women's Centre.

**Diana Lemire Savidant ( 1943-1994 )** was born in Rouyn, Quebec. She grew up there and in Montreal and Ottawa, moving to Prince Edward Island in 1973.

Always an avid student, she gained respect as an art teacher. Her greatest love in art was capturing the Island landscape in oils, water colour, gouache and ink. Diana was a hands-on learner and excelled at several crafts as well as the visual arts. She was excited about many forms of art expression and often stretched her own creative experience through fabrics and mixed media works. Diana was a regular exhibitor in solo and group shows throughout Prince Edward Island and her works have found their way into private collections in Canada, the United States and abroad. Her sudden death on June 30, 1994 left family, friends and the art community with such a tremendous sense of loss yet gratitude for having shared life with a person of such warmth and vitality.