

# Helen Meilleur Memorial Library Scholarship

\$500

2017-2018

## Introduction:

Helen Meilleur was born in Port Simpson, BC in 1910. In the 1920's, Helen attended a one-room schoolhouse on a First Nations reserve, where her father operated the general store. Apart from being a wife, and mother of five children, Helen also had careers in both teaching and business.

She began writing in 1967 after receiving an Indiana University scholarship for non-fiction. "Pour of Rain" was a book conceived in her childhood about life in Port Simpson (located just south of the Nass River), an area largely inhabited by the Nisga'a people, and finally published when she was 70.

In this treasure of Canadian literature, Helen provides one of the best accounts of a west coast community. She combines local history about Indian attacks, gold-seekers, missionaries and visiting royalty with her personal stories about an exciting childhood growing up in a remote community, including her acquaintances with the First Nations people and travelling to school by steamship.

Her many donations to the NVIT library have helped purchase books and build the library's collection over the years. Both, NVIT and Jeannette Matson (Helen's daughter), have generously donated a \$500 scholarship in Helen's name to recognize students' writing and library research skills.

## Eligibility:

This award recognizes a full-time student in any program, at the Merritt campus, who demonstrates strong writing and library research skills.

## Criteria:

Students must submit a completed application form and essay, previously marked by one of their instructors, to the NVIT Library. The essay must show clear and concise writing style, grammar, and structure, including proper research citation and APA style. It must include an introduction, body and conclusion; ideas must flow smoothly and be consistent. The student's use of referencing will also be considered. The essay must include a reference page as well.

## Deadline:

The deadline to submit the application and essay to the NVIT-Merritt Library is April 30, 2018 by 4:30pm. (Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.)

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## Applicant Information: (please print in full block letters)

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: (yyyy/mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Insurance No: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ NVIT Student No: (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

## Education Information:

Name of Program currently attending:

\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date: (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach the previously marked essay to the back of this application.

## Declaration:

I hereby declare the information on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I acknowledge the information will be used to determine my eligibility for awards administered by NVIT and NVIT reserves the right to verify information on my application. If any of the information provided in this application should change, I understand it is my responsibility to advise the NVIT-Merritt Library, in writing, of any such changes. Should I be awarded a scholarship, I agree my name may be released to scholarship donors, my secondary school or college, and may appear in a published list of award winners.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: (yyyy/mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_