



**Embroiderers' Association of Canada, Inc.**  
**Association canadienne de broderie, Inc.**

**ELEANOR THOMAS YOUTH AWARD POLICY**

This award has been established in honour of Eleanor Thomas of the Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild, one of the founding members, long time Archivist for the Embroiderers' Association of Canada, Inc./Association Canadienne de broderie, Inc. (EAC/ACB) and former leader of the "Early Bird Stitchers", a chapter of the Youth Embroiderers.

This EAC/ACB sponsored award of \$300 will be awarded annually.

**AIM**

To facilitate the development of Youth Embroiderers through a variety of embroidery related educational options.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Individuals applying for the Eleanor Thomas Youth Award:

- Must be members in good standing with the Embroiderers' Association of Canada, Inc./Association canadienne de broderie, Inc., aged 9 – 21 years and either a Chapter or National member. Age restrictions apply for the Seminar Sponsorship.
- May request the Award for more than one component at a time.
- May receive the Award more than once.
- May apply for the Award as a reimbursement of completed component, with receipts.
- Are required to abide by the requirements pertaining to the particular component of the Eleanor Thomas Youth Award they are requesting.

**PROCEDURE**

- The application form can be requested from the Youth Embroiderers' Assistant and can also be downloaded from the EAC/ACB website.
- The completed application form for each request must be received by the Youth Embroiderers' Assistant, no later than October 31st of each year.
- Applications will be looked at on an individual basis and (portions of) the funds available will be allocated at the discretion of the Youth Embroiderers' Assistant and the EAC/ACB President. Their decision is final.
- Each applicant will be informed of the result of their application as soon as possible after the deadline date by the Youth Embroiderers' Assistant. The recipients' names may be published in *Embroidery Canada* and *Youth Embroiderers' News* after parental permission has been given in writing.

## **DISBURSEMENT OF THE ELEANOR THOMAS YOUTH AWARD**

### **CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

The Eleanor Thomas Youth Award funds, or a portion thereof, may be used to cover the course fees only, for any Youth Member or Youth Chapter to take a Youth Embroiderers' Correspondence Course or an EAC/ACB Project Correspondence Course.

The Youth Chapter/Youth Member will submit the name(s), age(s), and the chapter of all of the prospective students, the specific course requested and the amount of the course fees.

Each student is responsible for paying for all course materials and the postage to and from the counsellor for forwarding the required embroidery, at the required times, (if necessary). Eleanor Thomas Youth Award funds are not to be used for this.

Each application must be endorsed by the Chapter Leader or Parent of the applicant who will act as a liaison between the counsellor and the applicant.

Each applicant agrees to complete the course within the required time.

### **PURCHASE OF BOOKS**

The Eleanor Thomas Youth Award funds, or a portion thereof, may be used to purchase embroidery related books for a Youth Chapter or a Youth Member.

Each application will include the author's name, book title, ISBN number if possible and suggested retail price, and an explanation of how this purchase will aid the Chapter/Youth Member.

Each application must be endorsed by the Chapter Leader or Parent of the applicant.

#### ***Chapter Purchase***

Books purchased for Chapter use with Eleanor Thomas Youth Award funds will remain in the Chapter library until such time that the Chapter disbands, when the book(s) become the property of EAC/ACB. The books may remain in the sponsoring Chapter library or sent to the Leonida Leatherdale Needle Arts Library at EAC/ACB expense.

#### ***Youth Member Purchase***

Youth Members may request funds to purchase a book for their personal use and ownership. The basis for this purchase would be that the recipient wishes to use it for research for an embroidery project or as an aid for a course/class or to assist with designing.

Recipients of this award are required to write a book review with an overview of the book, including how it was used and how it benefited the recipient. The review will be published in *Youth Embroiderers' News* and/or *Embroidery Canada*.

### **WORKSHOP**

The Eleanor Thomas Youth Award funds, or a portion thereof, may be used by a Youth Chapter/Youth Member to attend an EAC/ACB Guild Workshop. The application will include the name of the workshop, an outline of the class and the fee being requested. An explanation as to

how this workshop will benefit the Chapter/Youth Member is to be submitted on the application form.

Recipients of this award are required to send a photo of the workshop piece and a write-up about the workshop attended to the Youth Embroiderers' Assistant. These will be included in *Youth Embroiderers' News* and/or *Embroidery Canada*.

As an alternative to the write-up, the applicant(s) has the option of producing a project based on the skills learned for *Youth Embroiderers' News* and/or *Embroidery Canada*.

## **SEMINAR SPONSORSHIP**

The Eleanor Thomas Youth Award funds, or portion thereof, to be used by a Youth Embroiderer (between the ages of 14 and 21) to attend the annual national EAC/ACB Seminar. The money will be used to offset the cost of the course(s), kit(s) and accommodation fees.

The Youth Embroiderer applying should be an experienced embroiderer, who is judged to be capable of learning the technique requested. This would be attested to by an accompanying letter from an adult (Chapter Leader, if a Chapter member, or a Parent/Teacher if a National Member). Evidence of experience should include three or more of the following attributes: excellent attendance at Chapter meetings (indicates commitment), demonstrates evidence of completion of a project from beginning to end (indicates discipline), has designed a pattern or a project for *Youth Embroiderers' News* or her/his Chapter (indicates creativity), has demonstrated an enthusiasm for learning more about embroidery or has consistently challenged himself/herself to learn more complicated patterns and/or techniques.

Photographs of the applicant's recent work(s) must accompany the application.

Successful applicants for Seminar Sponsorship will be informed after it is ascertained that there is space available in the class(es) of choice. If there is no space available in the requested class(es), then the Youth has the option of choosing another class.

The funds allotted from the Eleanor Thomas Youth Award will be paid by the EAC/ACB Treasurer to the Seminar Committee to offset the cost of A) class fee; or B) kit fee. Any shortfall becomes the Youth's responsibility and they will be informed by the Seminar Committee as to the amount that may be still owing. Any overage may be awarded to the Youth (in the form of a cheque from EAC/ACB) to reimburse them for out-of-pocket accommodation fees.

A presentation will be made to the Youth Embroiderer at Seminar so that their successful application is acknowledged to the delegates. Notice will also appear in *Embroidery Canada* and in *Youth Embroiderers' News*.

The recipient of this award is required to write an article about their experiences at Seminar and/or design a project based on the skills learned, for publication in an upcoming issue of *Youth Embroiderers' News* and/or *Embroidery Canada*.