



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## **JEAN McCANN SERVICE AWARD FOR YOUTH AGES 15 – 18 GUIDELINES FOR PARISHES AND REGIONS**

The Jean McCann Service Award for Youth recognizes and affirms the role played in our Parishes by our confirmed Catholic youth (ages 15-18). This award is a tribute to Jean McCann, an inspirational CWL Life Member. It is hoped that by recognizing a young person with this award we can emphasize the necessity of service to others and show appreciation to those young people who are taking the gospel message seriously.

### **RULES**

The applicant's written submission is to:

- describe involvement with family, school, community, parish and other activities
- explain how he/she uses his/her talents in witnessing Christ
- tell us about his/her future plans and anything else that he/she wishes us to know

The following nine Criteria have each been assigned a percentage which the judges will use as a guide when reviewing the submissions:

1	Provides Service to Others	20%	6	Involvement In Parish	10%
2	Takes the Gospel message seriously	10%	7	Other Activities	10%
3	Involvement with Family	10%	8	Future Plans for Yourself	10%
4	Involvement with School	10%	9	Other Significant points	10%
5	Involvement In Community	10%			

Each Parish Service Chair is encouraged to forward a maximum of two applications to their Regional Service Committee Chair. When more than two applications are received use the ***“Judging Score Sheet for Entries”*** form to assist with your selection(s).

Each Regional Service Chair will forward their Parishes' applications to the Toronto Diocesan Youth Awards Committee contact. The regions will also notify the applicants whose submissions have been sent to the Diocesan Level.

The Toronto Diocesan Youth Awards Committee will choose a winner from the applications forwarded by the Regions. The winner will be contacted by the Toronto Diocesan Service Committee Chair and invited to the Diocesan Annual Convention where a CWL plaque will be presented to be displayed in his/her school. The winner will receive an Indigo gift card for \$100.

### **Contest Deadlines:**

With the Diocesan Level deadline in mind, each Region will set the due date for submissions from their parishes and communicate the date to each Parish so they can in turn set their own due date.

**Diocesan Level Deadline: from the Regions no later than March 13, 2026**

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