

Janet G. Reilly Memorial Scholarship through the Peterborough Woman's Club

Introduction: "Take the time and make the time for people. Everybody has a story..." This was one of our mom's favorite sayings, and when you apply for this scholarship, we want to hear yours.

Purpose: This scholarship honors Janet's legacy by recognizing individuals who embody her spirit of community, connection, and giving back. Janet was known for her ability to connect people and causes, and we seek applicants who share these values.

About Janet: People, community, and giving back were the core of who our mom was. She loved to connect people and life to common causes and spent her life working to do so. Whether it was connecting a newcomer to someone who could help them build their new community or connecting a person to a meaningful cause with a need, connecting was part of her DNA. She worked tirelessly to bring worlds together, whether it was on the tennis court, across from a friend at a game of bridge, through the Peterborough Woman's Club, or just a familiar face walking through the door in a restaurant or at Church. Janet connected dots. She was a great listener and remembered who you were, where you were from, who you knew, and what you were interested in. Once she met you, she worked tirelessly to get you connected or to connect someone to you. She was often referred to by her circle as "the Mayor of Peterborough," and we can see why. She made her town her home, got involved in her Chamber, her Church, Clubs, Communities, Sports, Causes, and anywhere else that she found a cause or a person involved she cared about.

Eligibility:

- A female senior at ConVal High School.
- Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to community service and connecting people to meaningful causes.

Application Requirements:

1. Personal Story:

- Share your story in a narrative format. Tell us how you have made an impact on the people in your world and in your community. How do you spend your days building relationships? How important is connecting people and causes to you? Whether it's in a club, a team, your community, the classroom, or somewhere else, tell us how you made a lasting impact.

2. Community Involvement:

- Provide examples of your involvement in community activities, clubs, sports, or other organizations. Highlight any initiatives you have led or participated in that aimed to connect people or support causes.

3. Letters of Recommendation:

- Submit one or two letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your commitment to community service and your ability to connect people.

Selection Criteria:

- The scholarship committee will evaluate applications based on the following criteria:
 - **Impact:** The extent to which you have made a positive impact in their community.
 - **Connection:** Your ability to share how you have connected to people (and causes) to achieve something meaningful to you or a purpose you care about.
 - **Storytelling:** Everyone has a story; we want you to tell yours.

Award:

- \$1000.00

Deadline:

- Applications must be submitted to Melissa Bull at mbull@conval.edu or dropped off in the counseling office by the end of the school day on March 20, 2026.