Katherine Whiteside Taylor Grant Application

Among the many benefits of membership in PCPI is the opportunity to apply for the Katharine Whiteside Taylor Grant. The grant offers annual funds to one or more Canadian parent cooperative preschools, or Councils, to help fund a parent education project or other activity that helps members improve in their role as parents.

Over the years cooperative preschools and their communities have offered a wide range of parent education programs and the Katharine Whiteside Taylor Grant will support that vital member benefit. Parent education topics from the categories of Child Development, Behavioural Guidance, Nutrition, and Health and Safety will be considered for the grant. Speakers, such as authors, therapists, psychologists, staff, topic specialists, are invited to provide these programs.

Your school could be the next recipient of funds to support a parent education program that is just right for your community. The total grant amount is up to \$500 to fund one or more programs. All Canadian parent cooperative preschools, and Councils, are eligible to apply for the grant. Note: for non-members, the PCPI membership fee is subtracted from all grants awarded. For information about PCPI membership, visit www.preschools.coop/join-us

Please submit the following information:

- -School name and address
- -Contact person's name, phone and email.
- -Your parent education goals
- -Your program content
- -Estimated number of participants
- -Your program staff/presenters
- -The length of your program and timelines
- -Your program budget needs
- -Previous grants received from PCPI

Your request should clearly describe a program that will be of value to your school/community with as many specifics as possible. Grant recipients agree to provide a brief report on how the award was used; the report may be used in PCPI publications.

Send your requests via email to the Chairperson for the Katharine Whiteside Taylor Grant, at KWTGrant@preschools.coop (Please expect confirmation of receipt within two business days, otherwise, please resend.)

The Grant request deadline is **December 15th**. The grant award decision will be made by January 15th. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to enhance the parent education activities or projects in your school or community.

Katharine Whiteside Taylor History

Dr. Katharine Whiteside Taylor devoted much of her life to the Parent Cooperative movement in North America and overseas - writing, lecturing, and giving personal guidance to parents, teachers and children learning together in a cooperative/parent participation preschool setting.

On April 17, 1996, Dr. Taylor was inducted into the U.S. Cooperative Hall of Fame. This prestigious award recognizes those whose contribution to the cooperative movement has been truly heroic. Katharine was born in 1897. She was instrumental, in 1927, in founding the Children's Community in Berkeley, California, the oldest continually operating cooperative preschool in the U.S. Her work throughout the United States, Canada and New Zealand added to the growing number of preschools around the world and she played an integral role in the establishment of the Parent Cooperative Preschools International.

The Katharine Whiteside Taylor Grant is named in honour of Dr. Katharine Whiteside Taylor, as a founding member of the Parent Cooperative Preschools International (PCPI). The grant, established in 1995, currently provides financial support to assist with continuing education programs for parents and their community associated with a Canadian non-profit, parent cooperative preschool or council.

Thank you to those of you who have made contributions in memory of Dr. Katharine Whiteside Taylor. If you would like to contribute, please send your check (CAD OR US) to

Parent Cooperative Preschools International (PCPI) PO Box 230327 Portland, OR, USA 97281-0327

Please make your checks payable to PCPI with a notation that it is for the **Katharine Whiteside Taylor Grant**.