

## Suzanne St. Yves Award of Excellence Award

### **Preamble**

MAVLI has received a \$5346.70 bequest from the estate of Suzanne St. Yves. Following discussion by the MAVLI Board, an ad hoc committee was created to develop a proposal for an award to be named in Suzanne's honour.

MAVLI will use the money to give an award in Suzanne's honour as described below. The value of the award will be \$250 per year. A decision not to give out the award in any one year will be at the discretion of MAVLI. The Terms of Reference should be reviewed periodically.

### **Terms of Reference**

Award name: Suzanne St. Yves Award of Excellence

#### Criteria:

This award is to be given to a graduating student of the Red River College American Sign Language-English Interpretation Program who reflects the values Suzanne brought to every aspect of her work in ASL-English interpreting: the highest ethical principles and actions, always striving for excellence, unwavering respect toward everyone she interpreted for, especially Deaf community members, and collegiality and friendships within her chosen field. The student selected to receive this award will demonstrate the following qualities in their final year of the AEIP:

- community involvement in the Deaf and interpreting communities (e.g. volunteer work)
- high academic achievement
- ethical conduct
- respect for consumers and colleagues

The nominees must be student members of MAVLI. Special consideration will be given to former signing Educational Assistants.

Eligible students will not need to apply for the award. The committee will invite nominations for the recipient of the award from members of the Deaf and interpreting communities, consumers, practicum supervisors, instructors and fellow students. Nomination letters may be provided in ASL or English and will need to outline the nominee's qualities as per the above criteria. Eligible students will be permitted to give out nomination request letters to people who are familiar with the student's contributions. A suitable candidate for the award will be selected by a three-member ad hoc committee chosen annually by the MAVLI Board, consisting of at least two MAVLI members and at least one Deaf community member.

MAVLI will announce the award recipient annually.