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Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation:
A Building Block for Women in Engineering

(Renfrew, Ontario): On December 6, 1989 the dreams of 14 young women came to a tragic end – but their spirit remains alive today empowering other Canadian women to become engineers.

The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation (CEMF) was formed in 1990 by the late Claudette MacKay-Lassonde, P.Eng. and several of her colleagues in reaction to the tragedy at École Polytechnique. Together they were determined to support the future of women in engineering across Canada.

That legacy continues with over 100 Canadian women having received a CEMF scholarship in engineering to help them pursue their dreams.

Each scholarship winner gives at least one presentation about why engineering is a great career option for women, and men, to a high school level audience.

That means due to the leadership and support of prominent engineers in Canada, both past and present, over 10,000 students across Canada have heard a presentation on engineering since CEMF's inception.

CEMF scholarship recipients are selected based on their strong leadership skills, ability to inspire others, volunteerism, extracurricular activities and to serve as role models.

“This scholarship has not only aided me in pursuing my studies, but it has also recharged my motivation and passion for the engineering profession. I enjoyed the opportunity of meeting other inspiring engineers and I am looking forward to giving back and supporting other young women desiring a career within the engineering field,” says Rita Laith, 2011 scholarship winner, University of Windsor.

Through the support of the Foundation's individual donors, corporate and faculty partners, there will be 10 scholarships totaling \$80,000 at the undergraduate, Master's and PhD levels of study offered to women in engineering for 2012.

**Deadline for applications for the 2012 CEMF Scholarships is Midnight, Friday, January 13, 2012.
All scholarship criteria can be found at www.cemf.ca.**

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