

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWED FUND**

### **NAME OF ENDOWED FUND**

**Michèle Kérisit Scholarship**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Michèle Kérisit led a full and inspiring life, one devoted to helping women through her research on immigrant and refugee women, women survivors of armed conflict, Francophone women in Ontario and senior women. She bridged the gap between theory and practice through her constant and unfailing commitment to several women's rights organizations. Intellectual, vibrant and sensitive, she published a number of articles, research papers and books. As an educator, she ensured that her students developed into social workers with a deep commitment to social justice and research ethics.

Her husband, colleagues and friends, the *Reflets* journal, as well as other supporters of her cause, would like to honour Michèle Kérisit's life by providing a deserving student with financial support to assist her in her studies, thereby ensuring that Michèle's legacy lives on.

### **PURPOSE OF FUND**

Provide financial support to a female student with at least one dependent child, who has arrived in Canada as an immigrant less than 10 years ago (sponsored, refugee, asylum applicant, international student, economic immigrant, etc.), and who is registered at the School of Social Work of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

### **SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS**

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

The applicant must:

1. be a female student with the status of permanent resident (or has submitted an application for permanent residency), international student (with a study permit), refugee (protected status) or Canadian citizen for less than 10 years;
  2. be registered in an undergraduate or graduate program at the School of Social Work of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Ottawa;
  3. demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid and Awards Service of the University of Ottawa; and
  4. have at least one dependent child.
- **Value of the award:** Minimum \$3,000
  - **Number of awards:** Variable
  - **Frequency of the award:** Annual
  - **Level or program of study:** Undergraduate or graduate

**Application contact:** Financial Aid and Awards Service

**Application deadline:** October 31

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

- Applications must be made through Online Scholarships and Bursaries, which can be accessed

through <https://scholarships.uottawa.ca>, and should include:

1. the Financial Questionnaire;
2. proof that the applicant has at least one dependent child living with her full time; and
3. a copy of the student's application for permanent residency, proof of her status as an international student, or proof of the date when her Canadian citizenship came into effect, if applicable.