TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWED FUND

NAME OF ENDOWMENT FUND (OTSS)

Blakes Scholar Award

INTRODUCTION

This fund was established by Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, a leading business law firm with expertise in all areas of related practice. This firm is committed to supporting legal education and legal talent in Canada. To that end, the firm has committed itself to establishing a national scholarship program across the country. The Faculty of Law, Common Law Section at the University of Ottawa has been identified as one of the law schools where the firm wants to establish a scholarship.

The donor thanks the Government of Ontario who helped create this fund through their generous matching contributions.

PURPOSE OF FUND

To provide financial assistance to a second-year student at the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section who demonstrates financial need, academic excellence and active involvement in the community.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must:

1. be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident or a person with the protected/refugee status;

2. be registered full-time in the second year of the JD program in the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section of the University of Ottawa;

3. be an Ontario resident, as per OSAP rules;

4. demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid and Awards Service of the University of Ottawa;

5. demonstrate academic excellence; and

6. demonstrate active involvement in the community, the Faculty of Law or the University campus.

Note: Preference may be given to a member of a historically disadvantaged group, as outlined by the Ontario Human Rights Commission (a historically disadvantaged is a disadvantage resulting from historic patterns of institutionalized and other forms of systemic discrimination, sometimes legalized social, political, cultural, ethnic, religious and economic discrimination, as well as discrimination in employment. This also includes under-representation experienced by disadvantaged groups such as women, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, LGBT persons and racialized people.)

Value of the Award: Minimum $5,000

Number of Awards: Two (one new recipient, one renewed recipient)

Frequency of the Award: Annual

Renewable: Yes, for the following year, provided the recipient still meets the academic excellence criterion
Level of the Award: JD

**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 the uoZone portal, and should include:

1. the Financial Questionnaire;

2. the Curriculum Vitae on Online Scholarships and Bursaries;

3. a letter from the applicant (max. 500 words) demonstrating their active involvement in the community, the Faculty of Law or the University campus; and

4. if applicable, a declaration from the applicant who self-identifies as a member of a historically disadvantaged group

OTSS: Ontario Trust Student Support

OSAP: Ontario Student Assistance Program