

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWED FUND

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SENATOR JOSÉE FOREST-NIESING ADMISSION BURSARY

INTRODUCTION

This bursary was established by the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, in memory of Senator Josée Forest-Niesing (1964–2021), thanks to a generous donation from the Desjardins Ontario Credit Union.

Senator Forest-Niesing (LLB '88) graduated from the French Common Law Program at the University of Ottawa. She practised law in her hometown of Sudbury for 20 years, before being named to the Senate in 2018. A proud Franco-Ontarian, she was always a fervent, passionate advocate for access to justice in both official languages. She was very involved in Canadian francophone organizations, including as president of the Association des juristes d'expression française (AJEFO), chair of the Board of Regents of the University of Sudbury and a member of the Fédération des communautés francophones et acadiennes du Canada.

In recognition of her many contributions to the community and advocacy for the rights of francophones, the Hon. Josée Forest-Niesing was named to the AJEFO's Ordre du mérite and was recognized by the Common Law Honour Society at the University of Ottawa.

PURPOSE OF FUND

To award a bursary to a student in financial need from Northern Ontario (Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury (including Greater Sudbury), Thunder Bay or Timiskaming) in the French Common Law Program (including joint programs) or the Canadian Law Program.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

1. be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, a person with protected or refugee status, or an international student;
2. be admitted full time to the French Common Law Program (including joint programs) or to the Canadian Law Program at the University of Ottawa;
3. demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid and Awards Service of the University of Ottawa;
4. have received a secondary school diploma from a Northern Ontario high school in Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury (including Greater Sudbury), Thunder Bay or Timiskaming; and
5. demonstrate how they show commitment to the protection and promotion of Francophone culture and advocacy for vulnerable and underrepresented communities as did Josée in her personal and professional life.

Value of the award: Minimum \$1,000
Number of awards: Minimum 1

Frequency of the award: Annual
Level or program of study: Undergraduate
Application contact: Financial Aid and Awards Service
Application deadline: July 15

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be made through Online Scholarships and Bursaries, which can be accessed through the uoZone portal. They should include:

1. the Financial Questionnaire;
2. an official transcript from a Northern Ontario high school; and
3. a letter (max. 500 words) detailing how the applicant embodies the same values that mattered to Josée in her personal and professional life, such as a commitment to the protection and promotion of Francophone culture and advocacy for vulnerable and underrepresented communities.