

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWED FUND

NAME OF ENDOWMENT FUND (OSOTF¹)

Nancy and Constance Backhouse Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

This fund was created by Martin Teplitsky to honour Nancy and Constance Backhouse.

Constance Backhouse is a Professor of Law and University Research Chair at the University of Ottawa. She teaches in the areas of criminal law, human rights, legal history and women and the law. Professor Backhouse is the author of a number of award-winning books. Among them is *Colour-Coded: A Legal History of Racism in Canada, 1900-1950* (University of Toronto Press) which won the 2002 Joseph Brant Award. *Petticoats and Prejudice: Women and the Law in Nineteenth-Century Canada* (Women's Press), was awarded the 1992 Willard Hurst Prize in American Legal History. *Challenging Times: The Women's Movement in Canada and the United States* (McGill-Queen's University Press), co- edited with David H. Flaherty, was named the 1993 "Outstanding Book on the Subject of Human Rights in the United States" by the Gustavus Myers Centre for the Study of Human Rights in the United States.

Nancy Backhouse has been a Justice of the Ontario Superior Court since 2000. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Justice Backhouse was a family law lawyer, labour arbitrator, bencher of the Law Society and chair of the Admissions and Equity Committee of the Law Society. She was also a director of the Advocates' Society, a director of the Lawyers Professional Indemnity Company, vice-chair of the Ontario Grievance Settlement Board and part-time chair of the Police Services Board of Inquiry. Madam Justice Nancy Backhouse serves on the Superior Court of Justice in Ontario.

The founder of this fund thanks the University of Ottawa and the Government of Ontario for their matching contributions.

PURPOSE OF FUND

To provide financial support to students entering the first year of the English-language Program of the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section whose education would otherwise be compromised.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must:

1. be admitted full-time in the first year of the English-language JD Program at the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section of the University of Ottawa;
2. be an Ontario resident as per OSAP² rules;
3. demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid and Awards Service of the University of Ottawa;
4. demonstrate academic excellence;
5. demonstrate an interest in social justice issues.

Value of the Award: Minimum \$2,500

Number of Awards: Variable

Frequency of the Award: Annual

Level of the Award: JD

Application Contact: Financial Aid and Awards Service

Application Deadline: May 1

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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; and
2. a brief statement demonstrating the applicant's interest in social justice issues.

¹ OSOTF : Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund

² OSAP : Ontario Student Assistance Program