

# **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWED FUND OTSS<sup>1</sup>**

## **NAME OF ENDOWED FUND**

### **Common Law Class of 2003 Bursary**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The cost of a legal education has become prohibitive for many potential students. This bursary serves to encourage a potential student to pursue his or her legal education despite the cost. This bursary is recognition on the part of our class that many of us would have been unable to attend law school had the cost been as high when we began.

There are many potential students who, given the opportunity, would be very valuable contributors to the legal community, and consequently to the community at large. Our bursary is meant to encourage that type of person to come to the University of Ottawa in order to start his or her legal career.

The bursary also serves as a challenge for future graduating classes to demonstrate their commitment toward making law school accessible for people from diverse backgrounds, with unique skills and experiences.

The donors thank the Government of Ontario who helped create this fund through its generous matching contributions.

## **PURPOSE OF FUND**

The purpose of this bursary is to encourage potential students to pursue their legal education despite the high tuition cost and to serve as a recognition on the part of the class of 2003 that many potential students from diverse backgrounds, with unique skills and experiences, would be valuable contributors to the legal community and to the community at large and that, without such financial assistance, they would be unable to attend law school.

## **SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS**

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

The applicant must:

1. be admitted as a full or part-time student in the French or English JD program at the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, at the University of Ottawa;
2. meet the Ontario residency requirement, as per OSAP<sup>2</sup> rules;
3. demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid and Awards Service of the University of Ottawa;
4. demonstrate active involvement in the community; and
5. be in good academic standing.

**Value of the Award:** Minimum \$1,000

**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 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; and
2. a 250-500 word essay explaining and outlining the applicant's experiences prior to law school, and his/her commitments in improving the communities in which he/she lives and works, all while keeping in mind the main goal of the bursary.

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<sup>1</sup> OTSS: Ontario Trust Student Support

<sup>2</sup> OSAP: Ontario Student Assistance Program