

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Name of Endowed Fund

Joyce Milgaard Criminal Defence Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

This scholarship was created by Leonardo Russomanno, Paolo Giancaterino, Biagio Del Greco, Marco Sciarra and Anthony Marchetti to support and encourage the next generation of criminal defence lawyers. Joyce Milgaard was a tireless advocate in defence of her son David, who was wrongfully convicted of murder and served 23 years in jail for a crime he did not commit. The criminal justice system needs dogged advocates who relentlessly pursue justice and advance the interests of their clients without fear.

PURPOSE OF FUND

To support undergraduate students enrolled in the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, at the University of Ottawa who demonstrate an interest in criminal law.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, a person with protected or refugee status, or an international student.
- Be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section of the University of Ottawa.
- Demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid and Awards Service of the University of Ottawa.
- Demonstrate an interest and involvement in criminal law with the goal of practising as a criminal defence lawyer (for example, through taking courses, involvement with the Community Legal Clinic or volunteer work).

Award value:	Minimum \$1,000
Number of awards:	1
Award frequency:	Annual
Level or program of study:	Undergraduate
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 uoZone. They should include the following:

- the Financial Questionnaire
- a letter (max. 500 words) describing the applicant's own interest and involvement in criminal law with the goal of practising as a criminal defence lawyer (for example, through taking courses, involvement with the Community Legal Clinic or volunteer work)