

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWED FUND

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**Outaouais Haitian Community Scholarship Program
University of Ottawa Firmin Monestime Scholarship**

INTRODUCTION

Following the earthquake that devastated Haiti in January 2010, the Outaouais Haitian community mobilized to set up a scholarship program for students from the community. With the assistance of a steering committee, two funds were established: one at the University of Ottawa, the Firmin Monestime Scholarship, named for Dr. Saint-Firmin Monestime, a native of Haiti and the first black person to be elected mayor of a Canadian municipality (Mattawa, Ontario, 1964), and the other at the Université du Québec en Outaouais, the Bourse Mauril-Bélanger, named for the Hon. Mauril Bélanger (1955-2016), an MP who played a major role in serving the Outaouais Haitian community.

The Firmin Monestime Scholarship aims to encourage excellence among Canadian citizens from the Outaouais Haitian community and graduates of Mattawa high schools.

PURPOSE OF FUND

Provide financial aid to Canadian students from the Outaouais Haitian community or who have graduated from the *École secondaire catholique Élisabeth Bruyère* or the F.J. McElligott Secondary School in Mattawa (Ontario), who are registered at the University of Ottawa.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must:

1. be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident;
2. be registered as a full-time student at the University of Ottawa;
3. demonstrate academic excellence;
4. be a member of the Outaouais Haitian community
or
have graduated from the *École secondaire catholique Élisabeth Bruyère* or the F.J. McElligott Secondary School in Mattawa (Ontario); and
5. demonstrate an active or future involvement in the Haitian cultural life or social community.

Value of the award: Variable, according to the revenues generated by the fund and at the discretion of the Steering Committee

Number of awards: Variable, according to the revenues generated by the fund and at the discretion of the Steering Committee

Frequency of the award: Annual

Level or program of study: Undergraduate and Graduate

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. a copy of the applicant's high school transcript; and
2. a short letter (250 to 500 words) detailing the applicant's active or future involvement in the Haitian cultural life or social community. Should they wish to, applicants may contact the uOttawa Haitian Student Club - CEHUO at cehuo1804@gmail.com for more information with regards to getting involved in the community.