

2022 Awards & Scholarships: Call for Submissions

This year FACL Ontario is pleased to announce that it will be accepting nominations/applications for the following Awards and Scholarships:

- FACL Ontario Lifetime Achievement Award
- FACL Ontario Lawyer of Distinction Award
- FACL Ontario Young Lawyer of the Year Award
- FACL Ontario Social Justice Award
- FACL Ontario Public Sector Lawyer Award
- FACL Ontario Corporate Diversity and Leadership Award
- FACL Ontario LaForme Scholarship
- Omatsu FACL Ontario Scholarship

AWARD NOMINATIONS PROCESS

Nominations for the above-noted Awards must be submitted by no later than 5 p.m. (Toronto time) on **APRIL 14, 2022**.

- Nomination packages must include:
 - the nominee's full name, organization, year of call and email address,
 - the nominator's full name, organization and email address,
 - a high-resolution photograph of the nominee,
 - the award for which the nominee is to be considered,
 - a description of how the nominee meets the criteria for the award, including their connection to Ontario (1000 word max.),
 - a completed consent form (which can be found below) signed by the nominee and the nominator, and
 - contact information for two references.
- It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure that the nomination package is complete.
- Prior to making the nomination, nominators must advise the nominee that his or her name is being put forward.
- No nomination materials will be returned. Nominations and nomination packages will be reviewed only by members of the Board of Directors of FACL Ontario and will otherwise remain strictly confidential.
- All nomination packages must be submitted electronically to awardss@faci.ca.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

The 2022 Omatsu FACL Ontario Scholarship Application Form can be found here. Application packages must be submitted by no later than 5 p.m. (Toronto time) on **APRIL 14, 2022**.

- Application packages must include:
 - a completed and signed Application Form,
 - the Applicant's CV and university and law school transcripts, and
 - a high-resolution photograph of the Applicant.
- It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the Application package is complete.
- No application materials will be returned. Application packages will be reviewed only by members of the Board of Directors of FACL Ontario and will otherwise remain strictly confidential.
- All application packages must be submitted electronically to awardss@faci.ca.

SELECTION PROCESS

- FACL Ontario will review each nomination/application package that meets the eligibility criteria set out below.
- FACL Ontario exercises sole and absolute discretion to determine Award and Scholarship eligibility and Award and Scholarship recipients.
- FACL Ontario's decisions are final and there is no right of appeal against any decision.

- Award and Scholarship recipients will be notified of FACL Ontario's decision as soon as is practicable.
- Those not selected may not be notified.

ELIGIBILITY*

1. FACL Ontario Young Lawyer of the Year Award

The FACL Ontario Young Lawyer of the Year Award recognizes an Asian-Canadian legal professional, who has practiced law for no more than 10 years, for achievements which are beyond what is expected of him or her based on his or her experience. Achievements may include exceptional contributions to one or more of the following areas:

- the profession
- social justice
- the Bar
- the Asian community
- the practice of law
- FACL Ontario

To be eligible for the FACL Ontario Young Lawyer of the Year Award, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- S/he self-identifies as of Asian descent (East Asian, Southeast Asian, or South Asian)
- S/he:
 - is a member in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada and practices predominantly in Ontario or
 - teaches at a law school in Ontario and is a member in good standing with any law society in Canada
- S/he has practiced law for no more than 10 years
- S/he has achievements which are beyond what is expected of him or her based on his or her experience. Achievements may include exceptional contribution to the profession, the Bar, the practice of law, social justice, the Asian community and/or FACL Ontario

2. FACL Ontario Social Justice Award

The FACL Ontario Social Justice Award recognizes a person, organization or company which has demonstrated achievements in at least one of the following areas:

- Diversity
- Public service
- Innovation
- Professional Development
- Leadership
- Philanthropy
- Furthering the goals of FACL Ontario
- Volunteerism

To be eligible for the FACL Ontario Social Justice Award, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- He/She/They are a resident of the Province of Ontario
- He/She/They have demonstrated achievements in at least one of the following areas: diversity, innovation, leadership, furthering the goals of FACL Ontario, public service, professional development, philanthropy, and/or volunteerism

3. FACL Ontario Public Sector Lawyer Award

The FACL Ontario Public Sector Lawyer Award recognizes an Asian-Canadian legal professional for significant accomplishments in the practice of law in the public sector, with an emphasis on service to the legal profession, areas of social justice and/or the Asian community.

To be eligible for the FACL Ontario Public Sector Lawyer Award, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- S/he self-identifies as of Asian descent (East Asian, Southeast Asian, or South Asian)
- S/he is a member in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada and practices predominantly in Ontario
- S/he has demonstrated significant accomplishments in the law
- S/he has served the legal profession, areas of social justice, public sector law and/or the Asian community

4. FACL Ontario Lifetime Achievement Award

The FACL Ontario Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an Asian-Canadian legal professional, who has practiced law for a minimum of 25 years, for significant and longstanding contributions made to the legal community and for positive contributions made to social justice and/or the Asian community.

To be eligible for the FACL Ontario Lifetime Achievement Award, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- S/he self-identifies as of Asian descent (East Asian, Southeast Asian, or South Asian)
- S/he is a member in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada and practices predominantly in Ontario
- Is a judge of any court in Ontario or
- Teaches at a law school in Ontario and is a member in good standing with any law society in Canada
- S/he has practiced law for a minimum of 25 years
- S/he has demonstrated significant and longstanding contributions to the legal community
- S/he has demonstrated positive contributions to social justice and/or the Asian community

5. FACL Ontario Lawyer of Distinction Award

The FACL Ontario Lawyer of Distinction Award recognizes an Asian-Canadian legal professional, who has practiced law for a minimum of 10 years, for significant accomplishments in the law and for service to the legal profession, areas of social justice and/or the Asian community.

To be eligible for the FACL Ontario Lawyer of Distinction Award, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- S/he self-identifies as of Asian descent (East Asian, Southeast Asian, or South Asian)
- S/he is a member in good standing with the Law Society of Ontario and practices predominantly in Ontario, OR is a judge of any court in Ontario OR teaches at a law school in Ontario and is a member in good standing with any law society in Canada
- S/he has practiced law for a minimum of 10 years
- S/he has demonstrated significant accomplishments in the law
- S/he has served the legal profession, areas of social justice and/or the Asian community

6. FACL Ontario Corporate Diversity and Leadership Award

The FACL Ontario Corporate Diversity and Leadership Award recognizes an individual or organization in the corporate sector who has demonstrated exceptional leadership towards achieving greater diversity and inclusion among the bar.

7. LaForme Scholarship

The LaForme FACL Ontario Award is awarded to one student annually. This is a scholarship to honour Justice LaForme, the first Aboriginal person to be appointed to any appellate Court in Canada.

The LaForme Scholarship is created to help law students achieve their future goals. The LaForme Scholarship recognizes that one's personal circumstances can create challenges for applicants which make it difficult to have pursued leadership and community involvement while pursuing academics.

Law students may apply for a scholarship award in the amount of at least \$2,000 based on the following considerations:

- Financial Need
- Personal Statement
- Law Student Vision
- Academics

The successful applicant must also meet all of the following criteria:

- Self-identifies as of Asian descent (East Asian, Southeast Asian, or South Asian)
- Has articulated future involvement in promoting social justice
- Has appropriate status in Canada (either citizen or permanent resident)
- Is a student enrolled at a law school in Ontario.
- Is a member of FACL

8. Omatsu FACL Ontario Scholarship

Law students may apply for a scholarship award in the amount of at least \$2,000 based on the following considerations:

- Leadership & Community Involvement
- Law Student Vision
- Academics
- Financial Need
- Personal Statement

The successful applicant must also meet all of the following criteria:

- Self-identifies as of Asian descent (East Asian, Southeast Asian, or South Asian)
- Has demonstrated some past, current, and/or future involvement in promoting social justice
- Has appropriate status in Canada (either citizen or permanent resident)
- Is a student enrolled at a law school in Canada
- Is a member of FACL

The Omatsu FACL Ontario Award is awarded to one or more students annually.

****Directors of FACL Ontario are not eligible to be nominated for, or to receive, a FACL Ontario Award. Former directors of FACL Ontario will not be eligible to be nominated for, or to receive, a FACL Ontario Award for a period of 3 years following the date on which s/he ceased to be a board member.***

APPLICATION FORMS

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OMATSU FACL SCHOLARSHIP

The Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (“FACL”) is pleased to accept applications to the Omatsu FACL Scholarship. The Omatsu FACL Scholarship was established to honour Justice Maryka Omatsu, Canada’s first East Asian woman judge. Before her appointment to the bench, Justice Omatsu practised law in Toronto for 16 years. She worked for all levels of government and taught in China, Japan and Toronto. She was Chair of the Ontario Human Rights Appeals’ Tribunal and a LSUC referee. During the 1980s, Justice Omatsu was a member of the National Association of Japanese Canadians’ negotiation team and helped win Redress for her community for the WWII violations. In 1992, her book, *Bittersweet Passage: Redress and the Japanese Canadian Experience*, won several prizes and was published in Japan. In February 1993, Justice Omatsu was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice. She has presided in Toronto’s criminal courts, co-chaired the National Judge’s Association Equality and Diversity Committee, and co-edited a manual on Section 15 of the Charter. She retired from the bench in 2012. Justice Omatsu has received FACL Ontario’s Lifetime Achievement Award, Queen Elizabeth’s Golden Jubilee Medal and numerous other awards and honours. Justice Omatsu is one of FACL’s founders.

Awards in the amount of \$2,000 each will be awarded in 2022 to one or more law students based on the following considerations:

- *Leadership & Community Involvement*
- *Law Student Vision*
- *Academics*
- *Financial Need*
- *Personal Statement*

The successful applicant must also meet all of the following criteria:

- *Self-identifies as of Asian descent (East Asian, Southeast Asian, or South Asian)*
- *Has demonstrated some past, current, and/or future involvement in promoting social justice*
- *Has appropriate status in Canada (either citizen or permanent resident)*
- *Is a student enrolled at a law school in Canada*
- *Is a registered student member of FACL*

Please complete the attached 2022 Application Form and submit by email, along with your CV, university and law school transcripts, to awardss@faci.ca and cc faci.ontario@faci.ca no later than **APRIL 14, 2022**.