



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 awards@faci.ca no later than **April 14, 2022**.

OMATSU FACL SCHOLARSHIP 2022 APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: April 14, 2022

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

1. Full Name (please include your legal and any familiar name(s) you use):

2. Law School: _____ Student Number: _____

3. How do you self-identify (i.e. Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Indian, Sri Lankan, etc.)?

4. Permanent Address:

5. Telephone: Home _____ Mobile _____

6. E-mail: _____

7. Citizenship: Canadian Citizen _____ Permanent Resident _____

8. Have you ever received an award from the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers?

Yes _____ No _____

9. How did you hear about this scholarship?

10. How did you hear about FACL?

I declare that the information given in this application is true, and I give the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (“FACL”) the right to verify any and all information provided herein. I agree to accept the decision of the FACL as final, and I agree that all documents submitted shall become the property of the FACL, and shall not be returned. I consent to the publication of information that I provide to the FACL for promotional and informational purposes.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Applications are to be submitted by email to facl.ontario@facl.ca. Please include your CV and all university and law school transcripts with your application. All documents as one attachment is preferred.
