2026 SCHOLARSHIPS: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

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

- FACL Ontario LaForme Scholarship
- Omatsu FACL Ontario Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

The 2026 Scholarship Application Forms can be found on the FACL Ontario website. Application packages

must be submitted no later than 23:59:59 EST on **January 25, 2026**.

- 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@facl.ca.

SELECTION PROCESS

- FACL Ontario will review each application package that meets the eligibility criteria set out below.
- FACL Ontario exercises sole and absolute discretion to determine Scholarship eligibility and Scholarship recipients.
- FACL Ontario's decisions are final and there is no right of appeal against any decision.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified of FACL Ontario's decision as soon as is practicable.
- Those not selected may not be notified.

ELIGIBILITY*

1. LaForme FACL Ontario Scholarship

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

The LaForme Scholarship was 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 also 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
- Is a student enrolled at a law school in Ontario.
- Is a member of FACL

2. Omatsu FACL Ontario Scholarship

The Omatsu FACL Ontario Scholarship is awarded to one or more students annually. This is a scholarship to honour Justice Omatsu, Canada's first female East Asian judge.

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
- Is a student enrolled at a law school in Canada
- Is a member of FACL

The application forms for both Scholarships are on the FACL Ontario website.

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