LaFORME SCHOLARSHIP

The Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers ("FACL") is pleased to accept applications for the LaForme Scholarship. The LaForme Scholarship was established to honour Justice Harry LaForme, the first Indigenous person to be appointed to any appellate court in Canada. Justice LaForme is a member of the Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation located in southern Ontario. Before his appointment to the judiciary, he ran his own legal practice specializing in Aboriginal law and matters involving the Constitution and Charter of Rights and Freedoms. He appeared before each level of Court in Canada and represented Canadian Indigenous interests in Switzerland, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. He served as the Commissioner of the Indian Commission of Ontario, the Chair of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal land claims, and co-chair on the independent National Chiefs Task Force on Native Land Claims. In January 1994, he was appointed a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice (General Division), now the Superior Court of Justice, Ontario. In November 2004 Justice LaForme was appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal. Among many other honours, Justice LaForme has been presented on three occasions by Indigenous elders with an Eagle Feather, symbolizing the virtues of honesty, integrity, and respect.

An award in the amount of $2,000 will be awarded in 2026 to one law students based on the following considerations:

- 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 articulated future involvement in promoting social justice
- Is a student enrolled at a law school in Ontario
- Is a registered student member of FACL

Please complete the attached 2026 Application Form and submit by email, along with your CV, university and law school transcripts, to awardss@facl.ca no later than **January 25, 2026**.

LAFORME FACL SCHOLARSHIP 2026 APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: January 25, 2026

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

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

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2. Law School: _____ Student Number: _____

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

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4. Permanent Address:

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5. Telephone: Home _____ Mobile _____

6. E-mail: _____

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

   Yes _____ No _____

8. How did you hear about this scholarship?

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9. How did you hear about FACL?

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PLEASE ANSWER EACH OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW IN 200 WORDS OR LESS.

10. Please describe your community and extra-curricular involvement, highlighting any of your leadership roles, and any involvement in cultural/charitable organizations.

11. What is your goal/vision for your legal career and/or reason for entering law school?

12. Please describe your and/or your family's financial situation (this information will be kept confidential and not shared with any third parties and individuals/ organizations not connected with the administration of the scholarship).

    (a) What is your current student debt?

    (b) What will your estimated student debt be by the end of law school?

    (c) Have you received any scholarship/grant/bursary in the last 2 years from the date of this application? If yes, please list below the name(s) and the amount of each scholarship/grant/bursary.

13. Please provide the names and contact information, including telephone numbers and email addresses, of two references.

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:

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Date:

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