

Scholarship Application and Selection Criteria

Overview of the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund

The Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund was established by the Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO) in 2009, in honour of the late Marion Dewar, former Mayor of Ottawa. The goal of the Scholarship Fund is to provide financial support to foster academic and leadership excellence in immigrant and refugee youth. The fund will supplement the tuition and supplies required for their post-secondary education in the National Capital Region.

Each year, a scholarship of \$1000 each will be awarded to two immigrant and refugee youth.

Visit www.ociso.org to download an Application Form.

The Criteria

The candidate must:

- Be a resident of the National Capital Region for at least one year.
- Be a refugee or immigrant youth born of first generation immigrants.
- Demonstrate significant financial need.
- Be a graduating high school senior or from another accredited secondary institution in the National Capital Region.
- Be enrolled in first year of a first degree program or certificate program for the first time at an accredited post-secondary institution in the NCR as a FULL-TIME student.
- Have a good academic standing: A minimum GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale or 80%.
- Demonstrate leadership skills and community involvement (in addition to the forty hours of community service requirement for high school students).

Terms and Conditions for the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund Applications

- Candidates can receive the MDSF only once.
- Completed applications must be postmarked to OCISO by October 18, 2013.
- All candidates' applications are subject to a reference check.
- All scholarship recipients must agree to be publicly recognized and be available to attend the Scholarship Presentation Ceremony. Date to be determined.

Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund Selection Criteria and Application Deadline. For more information about the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund contact: Micheline Ghaoui, Administrative Assistant at (613) 725-5671 x 332 or email mghaoui@ociso.org. Or visit www.ociso.org.

- Recipients will be ambassadors and role models for immigrant and refugee youth.
- Information, photographs and video of the recipients will be used by the MDSF Committee for outreach and media purposes.
- The Selection Committee endeavours to achieve gender parity in the selection of qualified candidates for the scholarship.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please send the following documents along with a completed application form:

- A two-page essay explaining how this scholarship will impact your goals and how you satisfy the eligibility criteria (academic achievement, school and community involvement, extra-curricular activities, aspirations and financial need).
- A photocopy your latest official transcript of six Grade 12 courses with an overall 80% average.
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher/guidance counselor in the current academic year.
- Proof of community work. Please provide at least one reference letter from a community member or your supervisor in an organization that benefited from this initiative. Copies of certificates and / or participation letters will be accepted.
- Proof of resident status in the National Capital Region (we will accept one of the following documents: proof of address, letter from employer, letter from landlord or neighbour, etc. to establish that you have been living in the NCR for at least 1 year).
- A detailed statement indicating the amount of money expected from various sources (family/relatives, personal savings, employment, loans, and scholarships).

Mail completed MDSF application forms postmarked by October 18, 2013 to:

**Attention: Micheline Ghaoui
Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization
959 Wellington Street West
Ottawa, ON K1Y 2X5**

We thank all applicants for their interest in the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund. Selected candidates will be notified in November 2013, and invited to attend the Scholarship Presentation ceremony at a later date.

2013 APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE APPLICATION PRIOR TO FILLING IN YOUR INFORMATION.

Application Deadline: **Postmarked by October 18, 2013.**

Number of Scholarships: 2

Value of each Scholarship: \$1000

Name of Applicant:			
Applicant's Mailing address:			
City/Province/Postal Code:			
Telephone:	()	E-mail:	
Current High School: (National Capital Region ONLY)			
School Mailing Address:			
City/Province/Postal Code			
School Board:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ottawa-Carleton District School Board <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Board <input type="checkbox"/> Conseil des écoles catholiques des langues françaises <input type="checkbox"/> Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario <input type="checkbox"/> Other Please specify :		
School Board Mailing Address:			
Signature of Principal or Guidance Teacher	School official verification that student meets scholarship criteria		

ACADEMIC HISTORY:

Current academic average	
Final academic average – 2012	
Final academic average - 2011	

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please indicate the amount of money that you have or expect to be contributed to your post-secondary-related expenses from the following sources:

INCOME SOURCES	AMOUNT		
Family/relatives			
Personal savings			
Part-time employment			
Loans			
Scholarships/ Awards			
Parents occupation			
Family annual income	< 24,999	25,000-49,999	50,000-75,000
Family assets	< 99,000	100,000-199,999	200,000 and over

FINANCIAL NEED: Please complete all of the following questions.

a) Have you or do you intend to apply for a student loan? Yes No

b) Have you applied for any other scholarships or awards including entrance scholarships?
 Yes No

If yes, in what amounts? \$ _____

c) Please indicate other siblings/family members attending or soon to be attending post-secondary education.

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