

Women General Counsel Canada: Scholarship Overview

Name:	Women General Counsel Canada (WGCC) Scholarship
Type:	Students enrolled in an LLB or JD program at a Canadian university
Year	In 2 nd year
Amount:	\$2,000
Program Load:	Full-Time
General Information:	<p>1 award of \$2,000</p> <p>Applicants must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be enrolled and in good standing in an LLB or JD program at a Canadian university; 2. Demonstrate a commitment to the advancement of women in the legal profession; and 3. Consent to the use of their name, educational institution, likeness and submission in WGCC communications relating to the scholarship
Applying for the Scholarship:	<p>An applicant can apply for a scholarship by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparing a letter of request of no more than 500 words describing how the applicant has demonstrated commitment to the mission of WGCC and advancement of women in the legal profession (see sample topics below); 2. Attaching one letter of reference from a faculty member in the law school; and attaching an optional additional letter of reference from a community member, if applicable and helpful to demonstrate commitment to women in the legal profession, as described above; and 3. Attaching a copy of a transcript demonstrating successful completion of the first year of law school and evidence of current registration.
Deadline:	October 15 at 5 p.m. EST
Email Address for Submission:	info@womengc.ca attention: President of WGCC
Award Announcement Date:	Annually at WGCC AGM
Scholarship Paid Out:	January 31
About the Donor	<p>Women General Counsel Canada (WGCC) is a grassroots organization dedicated to supporting women lawyers in general counsel and executive legal leadership positions. WGCC's mission is threefold: we seek to connect women in-house counsels through social events, to help facilitate networking and building support systems; we organize professional development workshops and</p>

	panels, to promote skill development and create a space for in-house counsels to confidentially ask questions and share experiences; and we provide support to female-oriented organizations in the community through our philanthropic efforts. WGCC currently has over 350 members across Canada, with active chapters in Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic Canada, and British Columbia.
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Sample Essay Topics

- Explain how your community service or life experience has shaped your perspective on women's issues and how these experiences will influence you in the profession of law.
- How do you plan to support women in law throughout your legal studies and career?
- *"The secret of our success is that we never, never give up."* - Wilma Mankiller. What is a time that you failed, how did you respond, and what lessons did you learn that will shape the lawyer you become? You can use the quote of another influential woman if preferred, e.g. *"We know from worldwide experience that very often when you go beyond the numbers you uncover patterns of sometimes indirect discrimination"* retired Justice Louise Arbour; *"We need a legal profession that worries about what the world looks and feels like to those who are vulnerable"*, Justice Rosalie Abella; or *"Women belong in all places where decisions are being made."* Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.
- What are your hopes for the future of women in the legal profession?
- Write about a woman who has had a big impact on your life and how you will draw upon this in your practice as a lawyer.