



## WGCC General Scholarship 2021 | Submission Guidelines

Women General Counsel Canada (WGCC) is pleased to open the call for submissions to our annual \$2000 scholarship for 2nd year students enrolled in a Canadian JD or LLB programme.

### Scholarship Overview

**Name:** Women General Counsel Canada (WGCC) Scholarship

**Type:** Students enrolled in an LLB or JD program at a Canadian university

**Year:** In 2nd year

**Amount:** \$2,000

**Program Load:** Full-Time

**General Information:** two awards of \$2,000

### Applicants must:

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:

An applicant can apply for a scholarship by:

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. successful completion of the first year of law school and evidence of current registration.

Deadline and How to apply: **December 17th at 5 p.m. EST**. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to apply.



## Award Announcement

**Date:** Annually at the WGCC AGM

**Scholarship Paid Out:** January 31

**About the Donor:** Women General Counsel Canada is a member-led organization established by women in general counsel and legal executive roles working together to grow, connect, and contribute.

**Our Mission is to help women in general counsel and legal executive roles succeed, recognizing the uniqueness of our positions, by:**

- **WORKING TOGETHER** – Championing and encouraging each other, to enhance our networks and maximize our opportunities
- **GROWING** – Inspiring and fueling our continued growth and development as authentic, courageous, and effective leaders
- **CONNECTING** – Uplifting and empowering the next generation of women in legal executive roles
- **CONTRIBUTING** – Building and advocating for a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive society, including within the in-house legal community.

WGCC currently has over 350 members across Canada, with active chapters in Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairies, and British Columbia.

## 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.