



## WGCC Indigenous Scholarship 2021 | Submission Guidelines

Women General Counsel Canada (WGCC) is pleased to open the call for submissions to our annual \$2000 scholarship for Indigenous 2nd year students (or, if enrolled in a 4-year combined law degree program, 2nd or 3rd year students) enrolled in a Canadian JD or LLB programme.

### Scholarship Overview

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

**Type:** Indigenous students enrolled in an LLB or JD program or in a 4-year combined law degree program at a Canadian university

**Year:** In 2nd year or, if enrolled in a 4-year combined law degree program, in 2nd or 3rd year

**Amount:** \$2,000

**Program Load:** Full-Time

**General Information:** 1 award of \$2,000

### Applicants must:

1. Be enrolled and in good standing in an LLB or JD program or combined law degree program at a Canadian university.
2. Be an Indigenous (First Nations [status and non-status], Metis or Inuit) student.
3. Demonstrate a commitment to the advancement of Indigenous women and/or the principles of Truth & Reconciliation; and
4. 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 advancement Indigenous women and/or the principles of Truth & Reconciliation (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 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 experiences in the Indigenous community have shaped your perspective on the concerns and aspirations of Indigenous women and how these experiences will influence you in the profession of law.
- How do you plan to support Indigenous women and contribute to their communities throughout your legal studies and career?
- Write about an Indigenous woman who has had a big impact on your life and how you will draw upon this in your practice as a lawyer to support the advancement of Indigenous women.
- How have the principles of Truth & Reconciliation influenced you as a law student and/or as a member of your community?
- Where would you focus your efforts as a member of the profession, in order to advance the goals of Truth & Reconciliation?