



OMATSU FACL SCHOLARSHIP

Federation and Asian Canadian Lawyers ("FACL") is pleased to introduce Omatsu FACL Scholarship!

One award in the amount of \$1,000 or two awards in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded in 2012 to a law student or students based on the following:

- *Leadership & Community Involvement*
- *Law Student Vision*
- *Academics*
- *Financial Need*
- *Personal Statement*

Furthermore, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- *Self-identifies as of Asian descent (East Asian, Southeast Asian, or South Asian)*
- *Has demonstrated some past, current, and/or future involvement in promoting social justice*
- *Has appropriate status in Canada (either citizen or permanent resident)*
- *Is a student at a law school in Ontario, Quebec, or British Columbia*
- *Is a member of FACL*

The Omatsu FACL Scholarship has been established to honour Judge Maryka Omatsu. Before her appointment to the bench, Judge Omatsu practised law in Toronto for 16 years. She worked for all levels of Government and taught in China, Japan and Toronto. She was Chair of the Ont. Human Rights Appeals' Tribunal and a LSUC referee. During the 1980's, Judge Omatsu was a member of the National Association of Japanese Canadians' negotiation team and helped win Redress for her community for the WWII violations. In 1992, her book, Bittersweet Passage: Redress and the Japanese Canadian Experience won several prizes and was published in Japan. In February 1993, Judge Omatsu was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice as Canada's first East Asian woman judge. She has presided in Toronto's criminal courts, co-chaired the National Judge's Association Equality and Diversity Committee; co-edited a Section 15 Charter manual. Judge Omatsu was on the Ont. Judge's Association and negotiated a sabbatical and a better pension. She retired in 2012. Judge Omatsu has received FACL's Life Time Achievement Award; U. of Victoria's, Lansdowne Lectureship; Dartmouth College's William Timbers Lectureship; the Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee Medal; the Delta SS Wall of Excellence plaque and various Dept. of External Affairs and Arts Council grants from the Canadian, Ont. and Toronto governments. Judge Omatsu is one of FACL's founders.

Please complete the 2011/2012 Application Form attached and submit by email to facl.ontario@facl.ca by no later than **February 1, 2012**.



OMATSU FACL SCHOLARSHIP 2011/2012 APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: February 1, 2012

Please submit application to: facl.ontario@facl.ca

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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

Law School: _____ Student Number: _____

How do you self-identify (i.e. Chinese, Korean, Filipino, etc.)? _____

Permanent Address:

Telephone: Home _____ Mobile _____

E-mail: _____

Citizenship: Canadian Citizen ___ Permanent Resident ___

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

Yes ___ No ___

How did you hear about this scholarship?

How did you hear about FACL?

PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW. Please answer each question IN 200 WORDS OR LESS.

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

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

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).

- What is your current student debt?

- What is your estimated student debt at the end of law school?

- 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.



Remember to include all university/law school transcripts with your application.

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: _____

Date: _____