

APPLICATION FORM



GENERAL INFORMATION

THE NICHOLAS BALA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

IN

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

An award of \$1000.00 will be granted each year to a student in either social work or law or in a joint social work/law program at a publicly funded university who is interested in interdisciplinary work in family law.

Eligibility

To be eligible you must:

- have demonstrated a interest in and commitment to interdisciplinary work in family law;
- be registered and funds to be used only in either a social work, joint social work/law programs (University of Toronto, Windsor), any law schools or any schools of social work at the graduate level in Ontario;
- have demonstrated academic excellence;
- be an Ontario resident. You are considered an Ontario resident if you lived in Ontario for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding your registration in any of the above programs of study.

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How to Apply

You must submit in written form the following documents:

- the completed application form;
- a typed letter from you outlining your qualifications for the award;
- a 10 page double-spaced typed research paper (plus a 500 word abstract) that focuses on interdisciplinary collaboration between law and social sciences in dealing with family law issues;
- An official copy of your law or social work school and undergraduate transcripts;
- Report 1: Academic Reference (form attached)
- Report 2: Personal Reference (form attached) from an individual who is familiar with or has an interest and commitment to family law issues.

Note: Reports 1 and 2 are mandatory. Faxes/emails will not be accepted. It is your responsibility to ensure that your application is complete and all required supporting documents are submitted by the deadline date. There will be no follow-up inquiries from AFCC Ontario with any applicant.

Application Deadline

Send the completed form and supporting documents to:

Dr. Rachel Birnbaum, Associate Professor
King's University College, University of Western Ontario
266 Epworth Avenue
London, Ontario N6A 2M3
Telephone: 1-800-265-4406, Ext. 4431
rbirnbaum@uwo.ca

All applications must be received by

By January 15 of each year

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Notification and Acceptance

The successful recipient will be notified by telephone and their name will be published in the AFCC Ontario Newsletter and posted on AFCC Ontario website.

If you are successful, you will be asked to sign a Notice of Acceptance and/or refusal, and provide the following proof of eligibility: (1) proof of full-time enrollment in a graduate level program as outlined in the eligibility requirements.

Successful applicants must be enrolled in a full-time graduate level program at a publicly funded Ontario university for a full-term. If you withdraw, transfer to outside of Ontario, or change disciplines you will be required to repay the award.

For more information, contact Dr. Rachel Birnbaum at 1-800-265-4406, Ext. 4431.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please type)

First name:

Last Name:

Address

City

Province

Postal

Telephone

Email

Have you been an Ontario resident for the last 12 months? Yes No

PROPOSED STUDIES

Name of Institution

Name of Program

Expected Start Date

Expected Completion

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Name of Institution

Name of Program

Highest level of studies

Date received/expect to receive degree from studies

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TRANSCRIPTS

Institution

Year(s) transcripts cover:
From To

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Please attach all required documentation as outlined in the instructions to this application:

- (1) Transcripts
- (2) 10 pages typed paper and 50 word abstract outlining a research proposal that focuses on interdisciplinary collaboration in family law.
- (3) Report 1: Academic Reference
- (4) Report 2: Personal Reference

I hereby declare that all information provided in this application is true and complete in every respect.

Applicant's signature

Date