

## **Two \$5,000 scholarships to reward youth leadership in Ontario**

**Ottawa, October 16, 2023** - Desjardins Ontario Credit Union, true to its commitment to youth, announces the launch of the Leadership Scholarships. Two grants of \$5,000 each, are intended to recognize and support young student leaders aged 18 to 30 in our communities who are involved in the environment, sustainable development, society or governance.

From October 16 to November 30, 2023, students enrolled in a post-secondary institution in Ontario are invited to submit their applications. They are encouraged to demonstrate their leadership and community contributions in these areas. A selection committee will evaluate the candidates and determine the two winners of this first edition.

"In addition to our existing scholarships for academic perseverance, we want to recognize and encourage those who are actively committed to the well-being of their community. The environment, society and governance are issues that are close to our hearts at Desjardins, which is why we're proud to launch this new program aimed at those young people who make it a personal priority." Billy Boucher, General Manager and Chief Operating Officer, Desjardins Ontario Credit Union.

For more information, including selection criteria and how to participate, please visit our website: [www.desjardins.com/ontario](http://www.desjardins.com/ontario).

### **About Desjardins Ontario Credit Union**

With over 100 years of presence in Ontario, Desjardins Ontario Credit Union contributes to the economic and social development of communities and fosters the financial autonomy of its members by offering them complete banking services with the full range of Desjardins Group products and services. Because of its cooperative nature and financial strength, it shares a portion of its surplus earnings with its members. Last year, Caisse Desjardins paid out over \$13.7 million in dividends to individuals and communities, contributing to hundreds of projects. Desjardins Group is the largest financial cooperative in Canada and North America, and is recognized as a leading corporate citizen and one of the most solid financial institutions in the world.

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