

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Six student members at Caisse Desjardins du Centre-est de Montréal  
receive a Desjardins Foundation scholarship**

**Montreal, October 18, 2018** – Caisse Desjardins du Centre-est de Montréal is pleased to announce the recipients of six Desjardins Foundation scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Yolanda Teresa Afonso was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for academic perseverance to pursue her Diploma of College Studies in health science.

Valérie Chauvin, a health science student in CEGEP, received a \$1,000 scholarship for academic commitment.

Sarah El Ouazzani earned a \$1,500 scholarship for academic perseverance to pursue her architecture degree at Université de Montréal.

Herschelle Francesca Jourdan, a university student in humanities and social science, received a \$1,500 scholarship for academic commitment.

Xuechen Wang, a university student working toward a degree in education, earned a \$1,500 scholarship for academic perseverance.

Sofia Soto received a \$1,000 scholarship for academic commitment to pursue her post-secondary studies.

The Desjardins Foundation received 5,200 applications in 2018. “These young people are an inspiration. They are shining examples of hard work and dedication to their communities. We’re honoured to support them. They deserve a helping hand to achieve their full potential,” said Nancy Lee, manager of the Desjardins Foundation.

These scholarships are part of the caisse’s involvement in the community and its commitment to supporting academic success. Every year, the Desjardins Foundation scholarships help hundreds of young people find their passion and pursue their dreams. The caisse applauds these young people for contributing to the economic and social well-being of their community.

The caisse’s board of directors, general manager and entire staff congratulate the recipients and wish them all the best with their studies.

Caisse Desjardins du Centre-est de Montréal has close to 75,000 members, 200 employees and seven service centres. With \$2.5 billion in assets, the caisse is one of the largest in Montreal. It was created on January 1, 2018, following the merger of Caisse Desjardins du Centre-est de la métropole, Caisse populaire Desjardins Saint-Donat de Montréal and Caisse Desjardins de Mercier-Rosemont.

***About the Desjardins Foundation***

Established in 1970, the [Desjardins Foundation](#) is a charitable organization that contributes to young people's academic success by awarding [prizes](#) and [scholarships](#) and partnering with [well-known organizations](#). In 2017, the Foundation provided nearly \$2.1 million in funding through various programs, making a difference in the lives of 130,000 young people in Quebec and Ontario. The Desjardins Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Desjardins Group, Canada's leading cooperative financial group. The Foundation helps enrich the lives of people and communities by promoting education.

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