

## **Desjardins Ontario Credit Union gives \$25,000 in Scholarships**

**Ottawa, May 14, 2021** – A total of 25 scholarships, of \$1,000 each, were awarded to students across Ontario.

They were selected from over 500 members who submitted their application between March 1 and 31, 2021. “This gesture is an extension of the credit union’s action in its community, in the form of a concrete commitment to educational success. Desjardins Ontario scholarships allow young people to discover their passions and make their dreams come true. The credit union is particularly proud to recognize these inspiring young people, by contributing to the economic and social well-being of its community,» Says William Boucher, General Manager and Chief Operation Officer at Desjardins Ontario Credit Union.

“My name is Armand Bellefeuille. I will be turning 49 in July 2021. I have been working in the social services field for over 20 years. I recently decided to go back to school and obtain my Psychology Degree to advance my education and career. I have been a member with Desjardins for 35 years. I am grateful for the scholarship that Desjardins has awarded me to help finance my education.”

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

Desjardins Ontario Credit Union serves 130,000 active members mainly in the private, commercial, real estate and agricultural sectors and has 51 branches. It has a business volume of more than \$17,1 billion and assets of more than \$8,5 billion. This strong, high-performing organization, with rich and diverse expertise, has 680 employees, making them a major employer in Ontario. It is governed by a board of directors consisting of 17 elected directors and 2 young intern directors. This new credit union ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> among Ontario caisses populaires and credit unions according to assets and business volume.

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**Scholarships winners:**

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