

33 young members receive a Desjardins Foundation bursary

Ottawa, November 1st, 2023 - Desjardins Ontario Credit Union is delighted to announce that 33 young Ontario students have been awarded Desjardins Foundation bursaries for a total of **\$70,000**. The bursaries, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000, will enable them to pursue their studies.

Encouraging young people has always been one of our priorities at Desjardins. That's why we're committed to being there for young people, supporting them at significant moments in their lives and accompanying them in their concerns and ambitions. In 2023, Desjardins Foundation awarded \$2.7 million in bursaries to young people in Quebec and Ontario.

"We are convinced that education is a pillar of our society, and that by supporting young people and motivating them to pursue their studies, we can help them develop their full potential. These scholarships are an opportunity to highlight the perseverance and commitment that young people demonstrate on a daily basis. It's an honour to support them and help them realize their dreams," explains Nancy Lee, General Manager of Desjardins Foundation.

This bursary is part of the Desjardins Ontario Credit Union's overall commitment to the community, providing concrete support for the educational success of young people.

Every year, thousands of students with extraordinary backgrounds receive a financial boost thanks to the strength of Desjardins Group. By encouraging them to pursue their studies, Desjardins helps young people realize their dreams and ambitions through its Together For Our Youth program.

The Caisse Board of Directors joins the General Manager and the entire team in wishing our young winners every success and congratulating them on this distinction.

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.

About the Desjardins Foundation

Founded in 1970, Desjardins Foundation is a charitable organization that contributes to the educational success of young people, notably by awarding scholarships and prizes, and through its actions in partnership with recognized organizations. In 2022, it awarded nearly \$5.5 million and supported 479,000 young people through its various programs. As the philanthropic arm of Desjardins Group, Canada's leading cooperative financial group, Desjardins Foundation contributes to enriching the lives of individuals and communities through its actions in support of education.

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