

## **Desjardins Ontario Credit Union awards \$ 45,500 in scholarships to students**

**Ottawa, June 26, 2023** – Desjardins Ontario Credit Union has renewed its bursary program for a 4th consecutive year and is actively involved in the presentation of bursaries to high school graduates, awarding a total of 67 bursaries.

For the fourth year, we held a bursary contest for full-time students enrolled next fall in a post-secondary program (vocational training, college or university). From over 1,000 applications received, 24 winners were selected by a random draw to receive a \$1,000 bursary each.

In addition to this scholarship program, the credit union continues its tradition of attending high school graduation ceremonies to award scholarships. This year, we are awarding \$21,500 in scholarships to nearly fifty high schools in the Desjardins Ontario Credit Union's territory.

These scholarship programs are part of the credit union's mission to contribute to the economic and social well-being of individuals and communities, by providing concrete support to young people in the pursuit and success of their post-secondary studies.

« I would like to thank the Desjardin Ontario Credit Union scholarship program for honouring me by being selected to win a bursary. I have just been accepted into the University of Windsor for a Bachelor's in English and Creative Writing and I am thrilled to be able to follow my dreams and work hard in a program which I am extremely passionate about. I continue to be amazed by your services to our small communities and I am thankful to be part of a bilingual financial institution that works for the people. » said Talia Vanden Enden, one of the scholarships recipients.

**About Desjardins Ontario Credit Union**

With a presence in Ontario for over 100 years, Desjardins Ontario Credit Union is part of Canada's largest financial cooperative. The Caisse offers complete banking services for all types of clientele and all needs. Because of its cooperative nature and financial strength, it shares a portion of its surplus earnings with its member-owners. With a presence in Ontario in 2023, the Caisse distributes \$13.7 million in collective and individual patronage allocations and contributes to hundreds of projects across the province.

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List of the 24 winners by region:

<p><b>Eastern Ontario</b></p> <p>Johnny Bouchard            Alexane Bourbonnais            Camille Charbonneau            Kianna Densmore            Kyanne Leroux            Dominic Provencher            Audrée-Anne Trottier</p>	<p><b>Ottawa</b></p> <p>Theresa Ndjoli Bokungu            Elly Charron            Axel Dagnan            Laine Widel Itoutou Nkwelle            Jedd Song</p>
<p><b>Sudbury and Northern Ontario</b></p> <p>Bayly Burns            Mackenzie Campeau            Antoine Cazabon            Alex Coulombe            Colton Giroux            Maxine Maillet</p>	<p><b>Toronto and Southwestern Ontario</b></p> <p>Peyton Chauvin            Talia Vanden Enden            Gael Francis Muanamputu            Pablo Vicentes Rativa            Sophie Tremblay            Evan Williamson</p>