

# The Canadian Bar Association

## The Viscount Bennett Fellowship



*The Canadian Bar Association (CBA) established the Fellowship Trust Fund with a gift from the Right Honourable Viscount Bennett, P.C., K.C., LL.D., D.C.L. A CBA Past-President (1929-30), Viscount Bennett directed that the Association use the income from the trust to encourage a high standard of legal education, training, and ethics. Since 1946, the CBA has awarded more than 70 fellowships.*

*The Canadian Bar Association is dedicated to the improvement of the law and its administration, to equal access to justice, to the promotion of equality in the legal profession and the justice system, to the enhancement of the knowledge, ethical standards and well-being of members of the legal profession, and to safeguarding the interests of the legal profession.*

**Deadline: November 15th**



# Terms of the Viscount Bennett Fellowship



1. An award, not less than \$40,000 may be paid annually to one student as a fellowship for legally-oriented graduate study in an institution of higher learning to be approved by the Awards Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee).
2. The Viscount Bennett Fellowship is granted on the condition that the total funding accepted by the Viscount Bennett recipient from other fellowships, scholarships or grants during the application period does not exceed \$65,000, of which \$40,000 is Viscount Bennett. Fellows must inform the CBA of such funding prior to acceptance of the Viscount Bennett.
3. The Committee may award to a student who has received a Viscount Bennett Fellowship in a particular year and who is continuing his or her graduate studies for a second year, a Viscount Bennett Fellowship for such second year of graduate studies but only if the Committee is satisfied that exceptional circumstances justify such second award.
4. A second Fellowship may be awarded annually at the Committee's discretion. The amount of this second Fellowship will depend on the funds available.
5. The Fellowship shall be open to Canadian citizens who have graduated from an approved law school in Canada or who at the time of application are pursuing final year studies as undergraduate students at such approved law school.
6. Applications shall be addressed to the Senior Director of Communications of the Canadian Bar Association and shall be received on or before November 15th of the year previous to that in which the award is to be made.
7. Each applicant shall complete the Viscount Bennett Fellowship application form.
8. The Senior Director of Communications shall secure from the Dean of the Law School, which the applicant has attended, a staff appraisal of the applicant, and in the case of more than one applicant from one law school, a comparative appraisal of the applicants from that law school made by the staff and the Dean, together with the Dean's own recommendations.
9. At its discretion, the Committee shall hold interviews with the finalists for the Fellowship. The Committee will reimburse reasonable out-of-pocket travel and accommodation expenses for those invited to the interviews, but travel expenses shall be limited to the lowest advance booking fares available from points within Canada and the continental United States.
10. In the event of an award being made to a student who has not at the time graduated, the award shall be conditional on the applicant's subsequent graduation in the next ensuing spring at the law school in which the applicant is studying at the time the award is made.
11. The amount of the Fellowship shall be paid to the applicant selected in equal amounts on the first day of September in the year in which the applicant is selected, and on the first day of January next ensuing.
12. The applicant selected shall, within two weeks of being notified of the award, inform the Committee of his/her acceptance. If accepted, the applicant selected shall undertake to begin graduate study by fall of the year of selection. If the applicant, having accepted the award, later becomes unable for any reason to take it up that year, he or she shall promptly so inform the Committee. If the applicant first selected declines the award, or having accepted it, later becomes unable to take it up, the Committee may in its discretion cancel the award for that year or grant the fellowship to another applicant or, if good cause is shown, authorize the recipient to postpone taking up the Fellowship for not more than one year.
13. The Committee shall report to the National Executive of the Association the names of the successful applicant(s). If in any particular year the Committee, in the exercise of its absolute discretion in this regard, is of the opinion that no suitable applicant has applied for the Fellowship, the Committee shall recommend to the National Executive that the Fellowship not be awarded that year in which case the Fellowship shall not be awarded. The decision of the Committee in this regard shall be final and not subject to review. Provided a suitable candidate is recommended by the Committee, the award of the Fellowship shall be announced on or before June 30th.
14. As a condition of the Fellowship, recipient(s) of the Viscount Bennett Fellowship must submit a written report at mid-term and at the end of the year of graduate study.
15. As well, recipient(s) of the Viscount Bennett Fellowship must submit a copy of their final thesis at year end.
16. Applications may be submitted by e-mail and the supporting documents should be forwarded in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows:  
  
"Viscount Bennett Fellowship"  
c/o Stephen Hanson  
Senior Director of Communications  
The Canadian Bar Association  
500 - 865 Carling Avenue  
Ottawa, ON K1S 5S8  
  
Tel: (613) 237-2925 or 1-800-267-8860  
Fax: (613) 237-0185  
E-mail: [stephenh@cba.org](mailto:stephenh@cba.org)

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# APPLICATION

Each applicant shall complete the **Viscount Bennett Fellowship** application form



CBA Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

A. Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname First Name

B. Permanent home address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

C. Current address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

D. Are you presently practising law? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Firm \_\_\_\_\_

E. Where can you be contacted during business hours?  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

F. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

G. Citizenship ☐ Canadian (The Fellowship is open to Canadian citizens only)

H. Law School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

I. Academic History (List in chronological order)

Institution	Years Attended	Diploma/Degree Received	Graduation Year
Example: University of New Brunswick University of New Brunswick Law School	1993-03 2003-06	B.A. LL.B.	2003 2006

J. Fellowships/Awards currently applied for:	Value
Example: Ontario Graduate Scholarship	\$5,000

(OVER)

## The following documentation must be included with your application:

1. Birth certificate or citizenship certificate (photo-copy).
2. One certified copy of all law school transcripts.
3. Academic distinctions, e.g. awards, medals or fellowships obtained as a result of academic success.
4. A full curriculum vitae.
- \*5. A one-page synopsis to highlight pertinent information from your university transcripts. Your commentary should mention majors and minors, if any, as well as the orientation of your studies.
- \*6. A one-page synopsis of your extra-curricular interests as well as activities during your post-secondary studies. Include academic activities, such as law review writing and participation in moot courts, etc.
- \*7. A one-page statement outlining the course of study to be pursued. Include particulars of any other fellowship, scholarships, bursaries or prizes for which you have applied.
8. Three letters of reference are required to complete your application. Letters may be included with the application or sent directly to the address below.

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c/o Stephen Hanson  
Senior Director of Communications  
The Canadian Bar Association  
500 - 865 Carling Avenue  
Ottawa, ON K1S 5S8

Tel: (613) 237-2925 or 1-800-267-8860  
Fax: (613) 237-0185  
E-mail: [stephenh@cba.org](mailto:stephenh@cba.org)

9. The successful candidate will be required to supply a recent glossy photograph for media coverage.

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**Note:** It is recommended that you review your completed application with the Dean (or designate) of your Law Faculty before submitting your application.

*\* English and French are the official languages of the CBA. Candidates may submit their applications in either official language. As applications are reviewed by volunteers, translation may be required. In order to ensure accuracy of technical terms and concepts, candidates are encouraged to submit documents 5, 6, 7 in both official languages.*

A \$25 filing fee is charged for each application. A cheque made payable to "The Canadian Bar Association" should accompany your application.

The filing fee is waived for CBA members. Please provide your CBA number with your application. For information on joining, call CBA Membership, 1-800-267-8860.