



Aging Out of Care Scholarship

The Centre for Research on Children and Families (CRCF) was bequeathed a generous donation from Mr. Manuel Batshaw, a Canadian social worker who is best known for being the founder of Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (now part of the CIUSSS Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal). Mr. Batshaw spent more than 50 years in the field of social work in Quebec. In the 1970s, he was active in assisting Vietnamese boat people refugees. In 1975, he chaired the Comité d'étude sur la radaptation des enfants et adolescents placés en centre d'accueil (better known as the Batshaw Committee). The committee's report paved the way to a major restructuring of services to children and youths in Quebec and to the introduction of the Youth Protection Act. In 1992, four centres providing social services for the English-speaking community Ville Marie Social Services Centre, Mount Saint Patrick Youth Centre, Youth Horizons and Shawbridge Youth Centres merged and were named the Batshaw Youth and Family Centres in his honour. Mr. Batshaw was considered a visionary, fighting for children's rights and demanding society pay attention. The CRCF has created the Aging Out of Care Scholarship in recognition of his life's work and his specific interest in assisting children aging out of care.

Aging Out of Care Scholarships are available to any person pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in the School of Social Work at McGill University on this subject matter. This scholarship aims to provide financial assistance to cover the cost of attending a conference or to complete a research project (including community collaborative initiatives, completing an independent study project or tutorial) on the topic of youth aging out of foster care. Students must provide a brief report of the conference proceedings or research findings upon completion. Two scholarships of \$500 are awarded per academic year and are non-renewable. In recognition of the hardships encountered by many young people in care and of the great motivation and courage it takes to overcome various roadblocks in their educational path, priority will be given to former youth in care.

In order to be eligible for this scholarship, you must be enrolled as a student in McGill's School of Social Work, full time or part time, during the Winter term.

Application Procedures

1. Complete the application form (see below).
2. Submit your application and attachments, in a single PDF document, electronically to: Biru Zhou (biru.zhou[at]mcgill.ca) by **December 1st**.
3. Please indicate in the e-mail subject line that you are applying for the Aging Out of Care Scholarship.

If you have any questions, please contact Biru Zhou (biru.zhou[at]mcgill.ca).

1 PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name

Student ID

Student Email

Mailing Address

City or Town

Province

Postal Code

Telephone

Student status in the Winter term: Full time Part time

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR CONFERENCE

Please describe the research project or the conference below, specifying the timeframe of the conference/project and how you plan on using the financial support. In addition, if applicable and should you feel comfortable doing so, please specify if you have had previous placement experience.

3 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please attach the following documents to support your application:

1. A letter of recommendation (non-family)
2. Proof of current enrollment or acceptance in the School of Social Work at McGill University during the Winter term
3. Applicant's most updated curriculum vitae

4 DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Document checklist to be included with the application:

- 1: Personal information
- 2: Description of project or conference
- 3: A letter of recommendation
- 4: Proof of enrollment status
- 5: Your up-to-date CV