

APPLICATION FORM
2026 Aird & Berlis LLP Equality Award

In 2007, Aird & Berlis LLP and WLAO established an annual award to recognize a law student for their efforts in advancing equality rights. To be eligible for this award, the recipient must:

- be registered, in good standing, at an Ontario faculty of law and studying for an LL.B, J.D. or LL.M.; and
- have a record of dedication to advancing equality rights (such as, but not limited to religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, mental health, refugee, aboriginal, minority and HIV/AIDS victim's rights).

The following is a non-exhaustive list of examples of relevant experience:

- advocacy;
- volunteer work at a clinic, non-profit organization, government office, or within the law school community;
- academic endeavors such as journals, articles, papers, research projects; and
- community outreach programs.

The recipient will be invited, as a guest of honour, to the WLAO President's Awards Gala on May 7th, 2026. Applicants must submit a letter of merit (not exceeding two pages) detailing their dedication to advancing equality rights. Where possible, provide supporting documentation about your activities (e.g.: publications in academic journals, letters of recommendation, *curriculum vitae*).

Award Amount: \$2000.00

Please send the requirements indicated above by electronic mail to wla01919@gmail.com. Please include a completed copy of this form.

Applicant Information (please include contact information as of February to June 2026):

Name:

Address:

Phone Number and Email:

Law School, Degree, Expected Completion Date:

Signature of Applicant:

Application deadline March 15, 2026

The WLAO President's Awards Gala will take place on May 7th, 2026
This form is also available on the WLAO website: www.wla0.on.ca.