

## **Bachelor's degree bursaries - Girardin-Vaillancourt Program**

This program fosters one of the fundamental objectives of Fondation Desjardins, which is to encourage young people to pursue post-secondary studies. The bursaries are awarded based on applicants' financial need, academic and social commitment and good grades.

**Institution:** Fondation Desjardins

**Deadline:** **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

The registration starts on December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Amount:** \$1,250

### **Eligibility criteria:**

- ❖ Be a Canadian citizen residing in Quebec or a permanent resident
- ❖ Be enrolled full-time in a university program at the bachelor's level (4 courses and at least 12 credits)
- ❖ Have a permanent address in Quebec if enrolled in a university outside Quebec (indicate on application form)
- ❖ The following points are also evaluated: financial situation, grades, social commitment, particular circumstances (family or health problems, etc.)

### **Procedure:**

Mandatory procedure before filling out the form, the applicant must do a loan and bursary application simulation here:

<http://www.afe.gouv.qc.ca/en/>

Mail the application to this address:

**Fondation Desjardins  
1, complexe Desjardins  
C.P. 7, succursale Desjardins  
Montréal (Québec) H5B 1B2**

**To download the form, click here**

[http://www.desjardins.com/en/a\\_propos/profil/engagement/bourses/boursbac.pdf](http://www.desjardins.com/en/a_propos/profil/engagement/bourses/boursbac.pdf)

### **Required documents:**

- ❖ Your Fondation Desjardins bachelor's level bursary application form, completed legibly, on a computer, with a minimum 10 point font.
- ❖ Photocopies of transcripts for the last 3 quarters.
- ❖ A copy of a loan and bursary application simulation
- ❖ The Aide financière aux études "Full-time assessment" slip (if you've already received financial aid).
- ❖ A letter stating in 20 lines about your career plans and why you feel that the jury should award you a scholarship.
- ❖ The first year students of BA must indicate which university they wish to register.
- ❖ Photocopies of your transcripts of the last 3 quarters of your university or CEGEP studies.

***Persons with permanent resident status must:***

- ❖ Enclose a photocopy of their permanent resident card;
- ❖ If they have not yet studied in Canada, provide documents showing equivalent studies in their country of origin;

***Attach 1 or 2 pages describing:***

- ❖ Their integration objectives in Quebec (academic, economic, family, social and regional);
- ❖ What they have already done to reach these objectives;
- ❖ The way in which they are experiencing their adaptation to the university (new pedagogical approach), the climate and Quebec culture;
- ❖ What they have already done to facilitate their integration into their new environment;
- ❖ Their career plans and why they think the panel should award them a bursary. This document would replace the letter of interest described above.

**For more information, click here:**

[http://www.desjardins.com/en/a\\_propos/profil/engagement/bourses/baccalaureat/index.jsp](http://www.desjardins.com/en/a_propos/profil/engagement/bourses/baccalaureat/index.jsp)

Regarding how to register:

[http://www.desjardins.com/en/a\\_propos/profil/engagement/bourses/baccalaureat/inscription.jsp#obtenir-produit](http://www.desjardins.com/en/a_propos/profil/engagement/bourses/baccalaureat/inscription.jsp#obtenir-produit)

Or by phone: Région de Montréal : 514 281-7171, poste 1 ou 1 800 443-8611, poste 1