DCCI Scholarship for Canadian Students with Disabilities Application

I was always told my ADHD was something I needed to hide; something I needed to be ashamed of because it makes me different or "disabled." However, I always believed it was a secret superpower, turning my weakness into a benefit. Due to my scattered mind making quick connections with little triggers, it inspires me to participate and talk in class. Whenever I need a question answered, I do not shy away from asking and allow my curiosity to thrive. When my family discovered my love of public speaking, they began to make me the Master of Ceremonies in weddings, which I discovered was a talent. Due to my wandering mind, I can keep the audience entertained and we tend to make endless memories during these special occasions! I MCed around 24 weddings, which I continue to do until this day. I also have volunteered with The University of Guelph's Orientation week, where I was the hype host. I talked with students, talked in front of a large crowd of people and introduced them to the University of Guelph. My ADHD also affects my creativity greatly, with it fuelling my passion for writing and reading. For instance, mooting within the Capital Cup and Osgoode cup allowed me to read cases, write submissions and orally present them. I really loved orally presenting my submissions, getting graded, and told what to improve on for next time. Due to my amazing experience within the Guelph mooting team, I am really excited to have the chance to participate and learn about Canadian law and how I can make a change in the world.

Currently as I am writing this, my father is having a conversation with me. He is against me applying as an access student for law school. He is fearful of the possibility that I may not get accepted due this disability. He is scared, not only because I am a woman with ADHD, but also a woman of colour. He does not want me to face discrimination like he has faced in this country. This conversation is pushing me, to make this part of me my superpower, to help me prove others wrong. I am not weak, but I am strong with many talents that this has ADHD given me.



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To Whom it May Concern,

Varine Judge (Student Number: 11375468) is registered at the University of Saskatchewan in the following term(s):

September 2023 to December 2023 - Full time in Law

Degree: Juris Doctor

Major: Law

January 2024 to April 2024 - Full time in Law

Degree: Juris Doctor

Major: Law

Varine is currently in the 1st academic year of a three year program.

Russell Isinger, Registrar University of Saskatchewan