


CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Justice Education Fellowship 2026–2027

What is OJEN? What is the Justice Education Fellowship?

The [Ontario Justice Education Network \(OJEN\)](#) invites applications from paralegal students and law students enrolled in institutions across Ontario for its Justice Education Fellowships. 

OJEN is a charitable not-for-profit, non-governmental organization with a province-wide mandate. We develop innovative educational tools that introduce young people to the justice system, help them understand the law, and build their legal capability. We work to help prepare young people to manage the legal aspects of problems that arise in their own lives. Our programs are delivered across Ontario by a staff of 14 and a pool of approximately 1,200 justice sector volunteers, including judges, lawyers, paralegals, police officers, and students.

OJEN's Justice Education Fellowships expand the reach of our [mandate and mission](#) and public legal education (PLEI) programs, allowing us to offer in-depth PLEI training to a select group of paralegal students and law students. This will include focused skill development in communications, community outreach, public speaking, and plain language work. Fellows then go on to deliver programs to high-school students across the province.

Fellows will be expected to:

- Coordinate and facilitate a minimum of three (3) justice education programs for youth during the Fellowship period using OJEN's program templates OR create one (1) customized justice education program with the guidance of Fellowship supervisors;
- Communicate regularly with Fellowship supervisors;
- Participate in group check-in and/or professional development calls;
- Complete training and professional development activities as assigned, including a two-day intensive training in the summer;
- Volunteer to sit on OJEN's local justice education committee (optional) if one exists in the local area; and
- Collect and report evaluation data on local justice education programs.

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Fellowship Period: May 1, 2026–May 1, 2027

Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be registered students at an Ontario college in a paralegal certificate program or an Ontario law school in the 2026–2027 academic year.
2. All applicants are required to attend an in-person training session in Toronto over two days in the summer. Training dates will be shared with applicants after the interview process (OJEN may offer subsidies for travel and accommodation if needed).

Positions Available:

- One (1) Fellowship will be offered to (1) student from each eligible Ontario law school.
- Two (2) Fellowships will be offered to (2) students at Ontario colleges with an accredited paralegal certificate program.

Compensation: \$1,000 honorarium.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume **as one combined PDF or Word document labelled with your name and school (e.g., "SarahSmithUoft")** to recruitment@ojen.ca, addressed to the attention of Jean-Paul Bevilacqua with the **subject line "Justice Education Fellow: [school name]"**.

Please follow these submissions instructions carefully.

A small number of candidates will be selected for an interview. Interviews will take place by Teams between **March 16–27, 2026**.

We look forward to receiving your applications!