



Motion Regarding the Renewal of the SSMU Access Bursary Fee

WHEREAS, the SSMU created the SSMU Access Bursary Fund, funded by the SSMU Access Bursary Fee, through a student referendum in 1999, to provide bursaries, administered through Scholarships and Student Aid, to undergraduate students in financial need¹;

WHEREAS, the University and its Alumni have committed themselves to matching the SSMU Access Bursary Fund contributions dollar-for-dollar¹;

WHEREAS, according to the McGill website, the SSMU Access Bursary Fund is one of the most significant bursary funds offered by the University¹, with over 2,000 recipients of the bursary since the inception of the fund;

WHEREAS, the SSMU Access Bursaries support the objective of affordable and accessible post-secondary education;

WHEREAS, a majority “No” vote will result in the termination of the SSMU Access Bursary Fund;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Society pose the following question in the Winter 2016 Referendum:

“Do you agree to renew the opt-outable SSMU Access Bursary Fee of \$8.50 per semester for full-time students and \$4.25 per semester for part-time students, payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU, starting Fall 2016 and ending Winter 2021 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought to the membership for renewal?”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the above preamble be included on the ballot along with the question.

Moved by:

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¹ <https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/current-undergrads/need>