

# RYERSON UNIVERSITY

## BMO FINANCIAL GROUP DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The BMO Financial Group's philanthropic investments include a variety of educational initiatives. They are committed to providing programs needed to benefit the broader community. The BMO Financial Group Diversity Scholarships at Ryerson University will provide enhanced access to post-secondary education for traditionally underrepresented groups including women, visible minorities, international students, students with disabilities and aboriginal students.

There will be a total of up to 15 scholarships offered to students officially enrolled in a four-year full-time undergraduate degree program.

### Criteria

- Must be from traditionally underrepresented groups including women, visible minorities, international students, students with disabilities and aboriginal students.
- Officially enrolled in a four-year full-time undergraduate degree program.
- Students entering 1<sup>st</sup> year with a minimum average of 80% in 6 U/M credits or equivalent will be considered for a \$1,000 or \$2,500 scholarship; students must have been full-time secondary school students during the previous academic year (2011-12). **Deadline: October 1, 2012.** Scholarships will be issued at the end of November.
- Students currently enrolled in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year with a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade point average will be considered for a \$1,000 or \$2,500 scholarship. **Deadline: March 1, 2012.** All scholarships awarded will be deposited directly to students' tuition fees, for the following academic year.
- Demonstrated financial need reflected in the Budget Form submitted.
- Submission of a personal letter (750 words or less) which describes both successes and challenges experienced while pursuing a postsecondary education and the importance of receiving this scholarship.

### Submit letter, completed budget form and signed FIPPA statement to:

Student Financial Assistance Office, Basement Podium Building, POD 59

**Deadlines:** For students entering first-year: **October 1, 2012**  
For students currently in first, second and third year: **March 1, 2012**

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**This reference sheet will provide some assistance when preparing your letter.**

When preparing the letter (750 words or less) for your scholarship submission please consider including any of the following information. The selection committee is interested in a student's success, community involvement, life goals, as well as challenges or barriers that you have faced. You should also include a section which discusses how this scholarship will assist you in the pursuit of your academic and personal goals.

### **Successes**

Students may wish to discuss:

- the value of diversity in our society and at Ryerson University
- skills and abilities working with diverse students on campus or within community groups
- goals or plans to improve your life and/or others lives, now and in the future
- leadership activities and/or your contribution to the community promoting diversity, equity access and citizenship

### **Challenges**

- identify your own challenges which have arisen due to your ethnic, cultural or linguistical diversity, your disability or your gender.
- share how challenges have been overcome
- if applicable, discuss religious or cultural obligations and their role in your day to day activities
- how you have navigated the Canadian educational system and culture as you pursue your studies at Ryerson University

**PLEASE NOTE:** In the evaluation process, CGPA or U/M credits will be worth 5%, the budget will be worth 20% and your letter will be worth 75%, in the final ranking of scholarship recipients.

Questions? Please email: [awards@ryerson.ca](mailto:awards@ryerson.ca)

**RYERSON UNIVERSITY- BMO FINANCIAL GROUP DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS  
Budget Form**

**Estimate expenses for the ACADEMIC year:  
(September to April)**

Tuition and related fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Books and other academic equipment/supplies \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rent – **Do not complete if living at home**  
(your portion of costs if living away from home) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Food \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation – Local \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Medical (not covered by a medical plan) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dental (not covered by a medical plan) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL (A)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimate of all funds available during the academic year:  
(September to April)**

Savings from summer work and other sources (if nil, explain in your covering letter) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Part-time earnings for academic year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total OSAP/Out-of-Province government student assistance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other forms of government aid –  
Specify \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RESP/RRSP \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parental/spousal assistance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Projected income tax rebate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Investments \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Access Guarantee/Ryerson Bursary \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bursaries – specify \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards - specify \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL (B)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**You may submit your application if Total “A” is higher than Total “B”. If this is not the case please review your budget.**

**Please complete the following information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in Program: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION:**

I hereby declare that the information provided on this form is complete with no misrepresentation of my personal and family resources.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: All personal information submitted on this form will be held in strictest confidence.

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CGPA: \_\_\_\_\_ U/M Courses Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Financial Need: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Declined: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer’s Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Centre: \_\_\_\_\_

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### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (FIPPA Statement)

This information is collected under the authority of the *Ryerson University Act* and is used by Financial Assistance at Ryerson University for the purposes of determining your eligibility for financial assistance, including but not limited to financial awards and bursaries. The information collected may also be used on an aggregate basis in order to comply with Ryerson University's statutory reporting obligations. The information you provide will not be disclosed for any other purpose except for as stated herein unless authorized and/or required by law. If you have questions about the collection, use, and disclosure of this information by Ryerson University please contact Carole Scrase, Manager, Student Financial Assistance.

In order to assess your eligibility for some forms of financial assistance, we may need to review your academic record. **By checking the box below, you hereby consent to the disclosure of your academic record by the Registrar to Financial Assistance for the purpose of assessing your eligibility for student financial awards and/or assistance.**

**Please note that if you do not consent to the disclosure, we will not be able to determine your eligibility for some forms of financial assistance.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STUDENT #:** \_\_\_\_\_

- I consent to the disclosure of my academic record by the Registrar to Financial Assistance for the purposes set out above.
- I do not consent to the disclosure of my academic record by the Registrar to Financial Assistance for the purposes set out above.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_