BMO FINANCIAL GROUP DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

INFORMATION

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.

Value: Up to 15 scholarships in total

Criteria

- Must be from traditionally underrepresented groups including women, visible minorities, international students, students with disabilities and aboriginal students.
- Must be officially enrolled in a four-year full-time undergraduate degree program at Ryerson University.
- Students entering **first year** (during the 2016-17 academic 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 2015-16 academic year. **Deadline: October 14, 2016**. Scholarships will be deposited directly to students' tuition fees RAMMS account.
- Students enrolled in **second or third year** (during the 2016-17 academic year) with a minimum 1.67 cumulative grade point average and a clear academic standing will be considered for a $1,000 or $2,500 scholarship. **Deadline: March 1, 2017**. 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.

Deadlines: **For students entering first-year: October 14, 2016**
For students currently in second or third year: March 1, 2017

Submit all information:
In Person: ServiceHub, Room POD-150
By Mail: Student Financial Assistance Office, Ryerson University, 350 Victoria Street, Toronto, ON, M5B 2K3

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REFERENCE SHEET

This reference sheet will provide assistance when preparing your letter.

The Selection Committee is interested in a student's success, community involvement, life goals, as well as challenges or barriers that you have faced.

When preparing the letter (750 words or less) for your scholarship submission please include the following information. The Selection Committee will rank each application based on the following points:

- Is the student from a traditionally underrepresented group including: women, visible minorities, international students, students with disabilities or aboriginal students.
- Has the student demonstrated financial need reflected in the budget form submitted.
- Did the student discuss the value to diversity in our society and at Ryerson University.
- Has the student displayed his/her skills and abilities working with diverse students on campus or within community groups.
- Does the student have goals or plans to improve their own lives and or the lives of others, now and in the future.
- Has the student been involved in leadership activities within the community which promote diversity, equity, access and citizenship.
- Did the student identify his/her own challenges due to ethnic, cultural or linguistical diversity, disability or gender, and how these challenges have been overcome.

Questions? Please email: awards@ryerson.ca

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APPLICATION FORM
2016-17

Last Name: _____First Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Student #: _____

Program of Study: _____

Year in Program: _____

CGPA or Grade 12 U/M courses average/equivalent: _____

Please submit this application form and the following documentation:

|_| Budget form

|_| A personal letter which describes both successes and challenges experienced while pursuing a postsecondary education and the importance of receiving this scholarship. Please read **Reference Sheet** for information required in the Personal Letter.

|_| Signed FIPPA Statement (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

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BUDGET FORM

All applicants must complete the Budget Form. The budget should be completed for Ryerson courses only (September 2016 to April 2017 - 8 months). All sections must be completed. Enter zero if the field is not applicable.
For each item below enter in the total amount which reflects the full academic year, 8 months. Do not enter the monthly amount only.

Educational Expenses	Amount	Study Period Resources	Amount
Current year's Tuition fees, no late penalties	$	Savings (include any funds used to pay current year's tuition fees and other school expenses in the summer months)	$
Current year's Books and related supplies	$	Expected/Earned Employment income, Stipends/ Teaching Assistants, etc. during the academic year	$
Accommodation costs (check one box only). Student's portion. Maximum allowed to claim up to $9600 ($1200 per month). ☐ Living with dependants (spouse, children, family members) ☐ Living away from home on own or sharing. ☐ Living in Ryerson residence. (excludes meal plan) ☐ Living with family (no dependants). Claim up to $3600 ($450 per month).	$	Government student assistance – OSAP loans and grants, Out of Province student loans and grants. Enter full year's funding. **Specify which one(s)** _____ _____	$
Food (check one box only). Student's portion. Maximum allowed to claim up to $4000 ($500 per month). ☐ Living away from home, in Ryerson residence, or with dependants. ☐ Living with family (no dependants).	$	Ryerson Scholarships, Awards, Bursaries or Student Access Guarantee **Specify which one(s)** _____ _____	$
Utilities, telephone, cell phone, cable & internet costs (check one box only). Student's portion. Maximum allowed to claim up to $800 ($100 per month.) ☐ Living away from home, in Ryerson residence, or with dependants. ☐ Living with family (no dependants).	$	Other forms of government assistance (Social Services, Orphan/Disability pensions, allowances, etc.) **Specify which one(s)** _____ _____	$
Personal/Miscellaneous Expenses - includes laundry, personal hygiene, clothing, personal medication, prescription glasses and dental work not covered by private or university medical/dental insurance. Costs for student only Maximum allowed to claim up to $960 ($120 per month).	$	All one time money/cash/gifts and monthly allowances and/or loans received from parents, spouse/partner or other persons. Include any funds used to pay for tuition fees, books, etc.	$
Transportation to and from classes. Student cost only. ☐ Within the GTA. Allowable maximum up to $130 per month. ☐ Outside GTA. Allowable maximum up to $205 per month (TTC+GO). ☐ Within walking distance. Transportation costs $0.	$	All other sources of income received. Check one: ☐ Educational Scholarship Trust Funds/RESP's ☐ Other income (income tax rebate, etc.) ☐ Other External Scholarships/Awards/Bursaries	$
Total Educational Expenses (A)	$	***Total Resources (B)***	$
To calculate unmet need: Subtract Total Resources (B) – Total Expenses (A) = unmet need	**Unmet Need** $	**If your resources (B) are a larger amount than your expenses (A) do not submit this application and budget.**	

DECLARATION – please check all boxes and sign below:

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

[__] I understand that if the information on this application is found to be untrue or intentional misrepresented this may be a violation of the Student Code of Non-Academic conduct and I may be asked to repay any scholarship funding received.

[__] I authorize Student Financial Assistance to review my academic record when required.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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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: _____

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