

**RYERSON UNIVERSITY**  
**The Second Chance Award in Criminal Justice**

**Department of Criminology**  
**Faculty of Arts**

**Purpose**

To recognize the academic achievement of an undergraduate student in the Department of Criminology who has overcome personal, social and/or economic disadvantage to pursue their course of study. The **Second Chance Award in Criminal Justice** will be awarded to one undergraduate student in the BA program in Criminology.

**Award Amount**

The endowed funds will provide one annual award. The actual amount will be dependent upon the income generated throughout the previous year.

**Award Renewal**

This is a non-renewable award. Previous award winners are eligible to apply provided they remain in good academic standing.

**Application Deadline**

September 30 of each year (or January 15 in years when a suitable candidate is not found in the September competition).

**Eligibility & Application Information**

- Must be a Canadian citizen, a Permanent Resident, or a Protected Person.
- Must be an Ontario Resident.
- Must demonstrate financial need as determined by Ryerson University.
- Applicants must be newly admitted to the BA program in Criminology or be a student in good standing in the program (i.e., not on academic probation). Preference will be given to newly admitted students.
- Applicants must demonstrate how they have overcome personal, social and/or economic disadvantage in order to pursue their course of study. They must also describe why they are pursuing criminal justice studies and what career, academic and/or community service goals they have for the future.
- Applicant should write, in confidence, to the Department Chair, naming The Second Chance Award in Criminal Justice and explaining how they meet the Award criteria.

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**Applicants Are Required to Supply:**

- A three to four page cover letter describing why they are an ideal candidate. The letter must include information regarding how the applicant has overcome personal, social and/or economic disadvantage to pursue their course of study. It must also describe why they are pursuing Criminal Justice Studies and what career, academic and/or community service goals they have for the future.
- Resume.
- Two letters of support.
- Completed Student Application and Student Budget Form.

**Weighting of Criteria**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Demonstrated Need (Budget)	35%
Cover Letter	35%
Resume	15%
Letters of Support	<u>15%</u>
	100%

**Selection**

The selection committee will be composed of at least two faculty members of the Department of Criminology. They will review the weighted criteria (see above). The Committee will prepare a ranked list of qualified Award recipients and will make the final selection of the recipient based on the weighted criteria.

If in the opinion of the selection committee that no applicants meet the outlined criteria in the August competition, a January competition will be held. If a suitable candidate is not found in the January competition, the Department will not make an award for that academic year.

**Submit cover letter, resume, two letters of support, completed Student Application and Student Budget Form to:**

Department of Criminology  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jorgenson Hall  
Attn: Scholarships and Awards Committee  
Ryerson University  
350 Victoria Street  
Toronto, ON,  
M5B 2K3

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**Student Application - Page 1 of 2**

All areas of the application, questionnaire and budget forms must be completed to fully assess your application. **Omissions may result in disqualification for this award.** All personal information submitted on this application will be held in strictest confidence.

Last Name		First Name	
Student Number		Valid Email Address  @ryerson.ca	
Program of Study-I am a full-time Criminology student. _____ Yes _____ No	What year of the program are you in? Year _____ of years _____	Will you be going on an exchange this year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, what semester will you be on the exchange? <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter
Marital Status (check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married/Common Law <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Support Parent			

**You are a Canadian citizen/permanent resident and are eligible to pay fees under the Canadian Resident Tuition Fee structure AND** one of the following statements **must** describe your **Ontario** residency in order to qualify for this award.

- You have always resided in Ontario,

**or**

- Ontario is the last province you resided in for 12 consecutive months without being a full-time post secondary student,

**or**

- Your spouse/partner has resided in Ontario for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before the last day of the month in which classes began for your most recent period of full-time post secondary studies and during this 12-month period your spouse/partner was **not** enrolled in full-time postsecondary studies,

**or**

- Your parent(s), step-parent, legal guardian or official sponsor(s), has resided in Ontario for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before the last day of the month in which classes began for your most recent period of full-time post secondary studies

**Academic Eligibility:** Applicants must check **both** boxes to be eligible for award consideration.

- I am currently registered in the Criminology program at Ryerson University.
- (For current Ryerson students) I have a cumulative minimum GPA of **2.0** or higher and my academic standing is **Clear**.

**Financial Eligibility. Check off all categories that apply to you. Applicants must meet the financial need requirements.**

- I have received a Ryerson University Entrance Scholarship.
- I am not receiving any other scholarship assistance.
- I am not receiving OSAP assistance.
- I am receiving financial support from family/relatives/other persons. I have included the total amount expected on the budget.
- I am not receiving financial support from family/relatives/other persons.
- I have financial need as per my attached budget. (The budget and declaration form are on Page 2 of the application.)

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Student Budget Form - Page 2 of 2**

The budget should be completed *for Ryerson courses only (September to April - 8 months)*. **Do not include expenses while on a co-op work term, exchange or for summer courses.** All sections must be completed. Ensure appropriate boxes are checked. Enter zero if the field is not applicable. **Student budgets submitted with NIL resources will NOT be considered for the award.**

<b>Educational Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Study Period Resources</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Current year's Tuition fees, no late penalties	\$	Savings at start of September (include any funds used for paying tuition fees and other school expenses in the summer months)	\$
Current year's Books and related supplies	\$	Employment income during the academic year (Stipends/ Teaching Assistants, etc.)	\$
Accommodation costs (check one box only): <input type="checkbox"/> Away from home with shared rent. Report your share only. <input type="checkbox"/> Away from home on own. <input type="checkbox"/> Live in Ryerson residence <input type="checkbox"/> Living with family/relatives.	\$	Government student assistance – OSAP, Canadian Millennium Scholarship/Bursary, QEII Scholarship, etc.) <b>Specify which one(s)</b> _____ _____	\$
Food (check one box only): <input type="checkbox"/> Living away from home or in Ryerson residence. <input type="checkbox"/> Living with family/relatives.	\$	Bank Line of Credit or Credit Cards Funds available or funds used to pay for current year tuition, other educational or living expenses through a Bank Line of Credit or Credit Cards	\$
Utilities, phone, cable & internet costs (check one box only): <input type="checkbox"/> Living away from home or in Ryerson residence. <input type="checkbox"/> Living with family/relatives	\$	Other forms of government assistance (Social Services, Orphan/Disability pensions, allowances, etc.) <b>Specify which one(s)</b> _____ _____	\$
Personal/miscellaneous - includes clothing, personal medication, prescription glasses and dental work not covered by private medical/dental insurance	\$	All money/cash/gifts/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 only, whether driving or using public transit. <b>Do not include trips home.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Within the GTA. <input type="checkbox"/> Outside GTA. <input type="checkbox"/> Within walking distance.	\$	All other sources of income received Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Other Scholarships/Awards/Bursaries <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Scholarship Trust Funds/RESP's <input type="checkbox"/> Other income (investment dividends, insurance benefits, income tax rebate, etc.)	\$
<b>Total Educational Expenses (A)</b>	\$	<b>Total Resources (B)</b>	\$
<b>To calculate unmet need:</b> Subtract Total Expenses (A) from Total Resources (B)	<b>Unmet Need</b> \$	<b>If your resources (B) are a larger amount than your expenses (A) do not submit this application and budget.</b>	

**Declaration and Understanding: (all boxes must be checked)**

- The information I have provided is an accurate representation of my current financial situation. Receipts are available upon request to verify the information listed on the application.
- 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 bursary funding received.
- This bursary will be used to cover the cost of text books.
- I authorize Student Financial Assistance to review my academic record and current address when required.
- I agree to the above conditions when submitting my bursary application.

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_