

COMMA Book Award

Description

The COMMA Book Award in the Faculty of Arts will be awarded in each of the fall and winter terms to a full-time undergraduate student who has demonstrated financial need and who has self-identified as being from a racialized group or who has self-identified as an Aboriginal (Metis, Inuit, First Nations, status and non-status) person.

Background

The name COMMA is an anagram taken from the names of the donor's parents, whom the award is intended to honour, for the love of books and of learning that they imparted.

Purpose

To provide financial assistance for a student in the Faculty of Arts to facilitate the purchase of text books for their studies.

Award Value

One award of \$500 in each of the fall and winter semesters.

Application Deadline

Fall Term: **Wednesday, September 27, 2017 (by no later than 4:00 p.m.)**

Eligibility/Criteria

- Applicants must be self-identified as being from a racialized group; or be self-identified as being an Aboriginal (Metis, Inuit, First Nations, status and non-status) person.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need by completing the student application form and budget;
- Preference is given to applicants who are not receiving any other scholarship or financial assistance;
- Applicants should write, in confidence, to the Faculty of Arts, naming the COMMA Book Award and explaining how they meet the Award criteria;
- Applicant students must be registered in a minimum 4 courses in the semester in which the award will be received;
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 1.67 and have a clear academic standing (students entering Ryerson will simply need to have met Faculty entry requirements);
- Applicants who have received the award previously are eligible to re-apply.

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Application Information

Interested candidates will need to submit a:

- one-page cover letter describing why they are an ideal candidate
- complete list of awards, bursaries and scholarships received, including dates
- completed Student Application and Budget for the COMMA Book Award

Selection Criteria (Weighting)

Criteria	Weighting
Cover letter, application and budget	100%

Selection

Members of the selection committee are appointed by the Faculty of Arts Associate Dean, Students and Undergraduate Studies. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee consisting of two tenure-stream faculty members (selected from two Arts departments representing different Arts undergraduate programs). The Selection Committee makes its recommendation to the Associate Dean.

Submit completed application to:

Faculty of Arts

Jorgenson Hall, 1st floor Faculty of Arts office, Room JOR-123

Ryerson University

350 Victoria Street

Toronto, ON M5B 2K3

COMMA Book Award – Application

All three pages of the application form 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		Ryerson Email Address	
Program of Study - I am a full-time Undergraduate Student in the Faculty of Arts: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Specify Program: _____ _____	What year of the program are you in? Year _____	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		I am a member of a racialized group: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify:	

Academic Eligibility

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

- I am currently registered in an undergraduate program in the Faculty of Arts at Ryerson University. (Please note that you must be registered in a minimum of 4 courses in the semester in which the award will be received.)
- (For current Ryerson students) I have a minimum GPA of 1.67 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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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

This information is collected under the authority of the *Ryerson University Act* and is used by the Faculty of Arts 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 the Faculty of Arts.

By submitting the application you consent to disclosure of your academic record for review in order to assess your eligibility for some forms of financial assistance. By signing below, you hereby consent to the disclosure of your academic record as stated above.

SIGNATURE: _____ **STUDENT #:** _____