

E-Awards



2011-12 APPLICATION HANDBOOK

Complete listing of all
Students' Association scholarships inside

samru



students' association
of mount royal university

General award guidelines

Application Deadline: February 29, 2012

General Criteria:

1. All E-Awards recipients must be enrolled in at least one credit course
2. Each application **requires a separate application form. DO NOT use the same form to apply for more than one E-Award.**
3. If applicable, minimum GPA requirements will be noted for each award. Applicants failing to meet the minimum GPA will not be considered for the award.
4. All individual applicants **must** attach a current unofficial Mount Royal transcript to their application.
5. Each E-Award requires the submission of an essay. The essay topic for each award is included in the individual award criteria. Those individuals applying for multiple awards must submit a different essay for each award. All essays must be typed and double spaced.
6. Many awards require the submission on a volunteer summary sheet. You must attach a separate summary sheet to each application although you may simply photocopy the same sheet for each award you are applying for.
7. Many awards require the submission of a written reference. Applicants may use the same individual as a reference for multiple awards provided that individual meets each award's reference criteria.
8. Ultimate determination of successful E-Awards applicants will be made by the E-Awards Selection Committee. The Committee may opt to not grant a particular award if no qualified applications are received. Preference may be given to those individuals who have not received other campus-based scholarships during the current academic year. The E-Awards Selection Committee will not consider frivolous applications.
9. The following individuals are not eligible for E-Awards:
 - E-Awards Selection Committee members
 - Students' Association Students' Council members (with the exception of the Outstanding Councillor of the Year Award)
 - Former members of the Students' Association Executive Committee for a period of two years following the end of their term of office
 - Full-time staff members of the Students' Association

Submit applications to the SAMRU reception in room Z222
by 4:30 pm, February 29, 2012. Application forms are available at the
centre of this booklet, reception in Z222 or online at www.samru.ca

EXCELLENCE

The SAMRU Awards recognize students who have made outstanding contributions to student life through participation in Students' Association activities or volunteer opportunities and who have maintained excellent academic records.

Outstanding Student of the Year Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards

Various

Purpose:

These awards are presented to individuals who have exhibited a high degree of professionalism and commitment in extra-curricular involvement. The recipients will have shown enthusiastic participation in the Students' Association and Mount Royal University activities while maintaining outstanding academic records. Demonstration of community leadership is also an asset.

Criteria:

Only one application is needed for the four SAMRU Excellence awards. The following chart outlines the minimum GPA requirements for each award. In all cases, a 1000 word essay focusing on the candidate's involvement in the Students' Association, University and/or community must be included with the application.

The following chart outlines minimum GPA requirements and award values:

Award	Number	Minimum GPA	Value
Outstanding	1	3.5	\$3000
Gold	1	3.0	\$2000
Silver	2	2.5	\$1500
Bronze	2	2.0	\$1000

To Apply:

- Be an active volunteer of the Students' Association, MRU, and/or the community
- Possess the required minimum GPA (see chart)
- Submit a completed application form, including an attached unofficial transcript
- Submit a completed Volunteer Summary form
- Submit a 1000 word essay demonstrating your commitment to extra-curricular involvement, focussing on your outstanding volunteer contributions
- Submit a written reference from an individual who witnessed or supervised your related volunteer activities

ENRICHMENT

The SAMRU Enrichment Awards recognize outstanding contributions to campus diversity in four categories.

Deanna Cardinal Memorial Award

Value: \$1000

Purpose:

This award is presented to a student who has made an active contribution to enriching Mount Royal University's Aboriginal community.

Criteria:

The candidate must demonstrate how his/her volunteer activities contributed to enriching and enhancing Mount Royal's Aboriginal community. Academic achievement may be considered by the selection committee in determining a successful recipient.

To Apply:

- Be an active volunteer of the Students' Association, MRU, and/or the community
- Submit a completed application form, including an attached unofficial transcript
- Submit a completed Volunteer Summary form
- Submit a 500 word essay demonstrating how your volunteer contribution(s) enrich Mount Royal University's Aboriginal community

Gender and Sexual Diversity Award

Value: \$1000

Purpose:

This award is presented to a student actively contributing to a gender and sexually diverse and tolerant university community.

Criteria:

The candidate must be a student actively involved in activities that enhance the profile, understanding and equitable inclusion of women, queer-identified, and/or transgendered individuals in all aspects of campus life. The candidate must demonstrate how his/her contributions enriched the campus community. Academic achievement may be considered by the selection committee in determining a successful recipient.

To Apply:

- Be an active volunteer of the Students' Association, MRU, and/or the community
- Submit a completed application form, including an attached unofficial transcript
- Submit a completed Volunteer Summary form
- Submit a 500 word essay demonstrating how your volunteer contribution(s) enrich a gender and sexually diverse and tolerant university community

Inspiring Culture Award**Value:** \$1000**Purpose:**

This award is presented to a student whose active contributions to culturally-focused groups or activities have enriched the cultural fabric of Mount Royal University.

Criteria:

The candidate must be a student actively involved in activities that enhance the dignity and pride of culturally diverse individuals, and who creates bridges of understanding and awareness within the larger campus community. The candidate must demonstrate how he/she enriched the cultural fabric of the campus community through his or her activities. Academic achievement may be considered by the selection committee in determining a successful recipient.

To Apply:

- Be an active volunteer of the Students' Association, MRU, and/or the community
- Submit a completed application form, including an attached unofficial transcript.
- Submit a completed Volunteer Summary form
- Submit a 500 word essay demonstrating how your volunteer contribution(s) enrich the cultural diversity of the university community

Beyond Disabilities Award**Value:** \$1000**Purpose:**

This award is presented to a student whose active contributions have enhanced inclusion of individuals with disabilities and helped foster understanding and awareness of accessibility issues within the larger campus community.

Criteria:

The candidate must be a student actively involved in activities that enhance the dignity and physical and social inclusion of disabled individuals on campus. The candidate must demonstrate how he/she promoted the inclusion of individuals with disabilities on campus through his or her activities. Academic achievement may be considered by the selection committee in determining a successful recipient.

To Apply:

- Be an active volunteer of the Students' Association, MRU, and/or the community
- Submit a completed application form, including an attached unofficial transcript
- Submit a completed Volunteer Summary form
- Submit a 500 word essay demonstrating how your volunteer contribution(s) enhance the inclusion of individuals with disabilities and promote understanding and awareness of accessibility issues within the larger campus community

ENDEAVOUR

The SAMRU Endeavour Awards recognize outstanding student achievement and dedication to self-improvement.

Citizenship Award

Value: \$1000

Purpose:

This award is presented to a student who has generously devoted his or her time and energy to enrich and inspire the lives of others.

Criteria:

The candidate must be an active volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to the Students' Association, MRU, and/or the community through his/her activities.

The candidate must demonstrate his/her commitment to enhancing the lives of others through community involvement. Academic achievement may be considered by the selection committee in determining a successful recipient.

To Apply:

- Be an active volunteer of the Students' Association, MRU, and/or the community
- Possess a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Submit a completed application form, including an attached unofficial transcript
- Submit a completed Volunteer Summary form
- Submit a 500 word essay demonstrating how your volunteer contribution(s) benefited the community and enhanced others' lives
- Submit a written reference from an individual who witnessed or supervised your related volunteer activities

Committed Learner Award

Value: \$1000

Purpose:

This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated an enduring commitment to his or her learning despite facing challenges along the way.

Criteria:

The candidate must be enrolled in full-time studies in any credit program at Mount Royal University. The candidate must demonstrate how he/she overcame specific challenges in order to pursue his/her post-secondary education. Volunteer involvement and academic achievement may be considered by the selection committee in determining a successful recipient.

To Apply:

- Possess a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Submit a completed application form, including an attached unofficial transcript
- Submit a completed Volunteer Summary form
- Submit a 500 word essay demonstrating how you overcame challenges in order to pursue your educational goals
- Submit a written reference from an individual who attests to your commitment to pursuing your education

Experiential Studies Award

Value: \$1000

Purpose:

This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to enriching his/her education by pursuing hands-on learning opportunities, such as Directed Field Studies, credit cooperative education courses, or other opportunities that take his/her learning beyond the walls of the classroom.

Criteria:

The candidate must have undertaken a experiential learning opportunity within the current academic year. The candidate must demonstrate how their involvement in such an experiential learning endeavor has enriched their education. The Experiential Studies award is intended to recognize unique learning opportunities and is not intended to simply reward paid employment or subsidize student businesses. Academic achievement will be considered by the selection committee in determining a successful recipient.

To Apply:

- Must have participated in a for-credit experiential learning opportunity within the current academic year
- Possess a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Submit a completed application form, including an attached unofficial transcript
- Submit a completed Volunteer Summary form
- Submit a 500 word essay demonstrating how your experiential learning activities benefitted you in ways a traditional classroom education could not
- Submit a written reference from an individual who witnessed or supervised your program of study

Part Time Studies Award

Value: \$500

Purpose:

This award recognizes the endeavor and achievement of exceptional part-time students.

Criteria:

The candidate must be enrolled in part-time studies in any credit program at Mount Royal University. Academic achievement and volunteer experience will be considered by the selection committee in determining a successful recipient.

To Apply:

- Be currently enrolled as a part-time student
- Possess a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Submit a completed application form, including an attached unofficial transcript
- Submit a completed Volunteer Summary form
- Submit a 250 word essay demonstrating how your studies will assist you in achieving you academic or career aspirations

Green Earth Award

Value: \$1000

Purpose:

This award is presented to a student who has made an outstanding contribution towards improving campus-based environmental sustainability.

Criteria:

The candidate must be an active volunteer of the Students' Association, MRU, and/or the community whose activities demonstrate a high degree of commitment to improving campus environmental sustainability. Academic achievement may be considered by the selection committee in determining a successful recipient.

To Apply:

- Be an active volunteer of the Students' Association, MRU, and/or the community
- Possess a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Submit a completed application form, including an attached unofficial transcript
- Submit a completed Volunteer Summary form
- Submit a 500 word essay demonstrating how your volunteer contribution(s) improved the environmental sustainability of Mount Royal
- Submit a written reference from an individual who witnessed or supervised your related volunteer activities

Athletics Award

Value: \$1000

Purpose:

This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to personal enrichment through involvement with University athletics.

Criteria:

The candidate must be a full-time student actively involved in Mount Royal University athletics. The candidate must demonstrate how his/her participation in University athletics enriched his/her educational experience. Academic achievement may be considered by the selection committee in determining a successful recipient.

To Apply:

- Be a student actively involved in University athletics
- Possess a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Submit a completed application form, including an attached unofficial transcript
- Submit a completed Volunteer Summary form
- Submit a 500 word essay demonstrating how involvement in University athletics has provided you with unique opportunities for personal enrichment
- Submit a written reference from an individual who witnessed or coached your related athletics activities

Reflector Award

Value: \$1500

Purpose:

This award is presented to the candidate who has exhibited a high degree of professionalism in extra-curricular leadership.

Criteria:

The candidate must have demonstrated involvement within Mount Royal University and or the Students' Association. Academic achievement may be considered by the selection committee in determining a successful recipient.

To Apply:

- Be an active volunteer of the Students' Association, MRU, and/or the community
- Possess a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Submit a completed application form, including an attached unofficial transcript
- Submit a completed Volunteer Summary form
- Submit a 500 word essay demonstrating your commitment to professionalism and leadership in undertaking volunteer activities
- Submit a written reference from an individual who witnessed or supervised your related volunteer activities

Don't forget to check out some of the other great financial opportunities the Students' Association offers students including the Membership Development Fund, Lawrence Decore Awards for Student Leadership and specific awards for members of Students' Council and General Faculties Council.

For more information, see www.samru.ca, drop by SAMRU reception in room Z222 or speak to any member of the SAMRU Executive Committee.



CLUB AWARDS

Club Awards recognize outstanding achievement by ratified student clubs.

Excellence in Community Service Award

Value: \$500

Purpose:

This award is presented to the student club which has demonstrated outstanding leadership and involvement while serving the community.

Criteria:

The club must be ratified by the Students' Association. The application must be signed by three MRU club members and one faculty member prior to submission. Club executives or members are welcome to apply on behalf of their representative club. No transcripts are required for this application.

To Apply:

- Submit a completed application form
- Submit a 250 word essay focusing on how the club has promoted community involvement

Excellence in Membership Service Award

Value: \$500

Purpose:

This award is presented to the student club which has demonstrated outstanding leadership and involvement in its endeavors to serve its members.

Criteria:

The club must be ratified by the Students' Association and must demonstrate how it offered outstanding leadership and services to its members. Club executives or members are welcome to apply on behalf of his or her representative club. No transcripts are required for this application.

To Apply:

- Submit a completed application form
- Submit a 250 word essay focusing on how the club has provided enriching opportunities to its members

FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS

These SAMRU Awards recognize those individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to significantly enhance the university experience for Mount Royal students.

Teaching Excellence Award

Number: Variable

Purpose:

A certificate is awarded to each recipient. These awards are presented to faculty members who have gone above and beyond their responsibilities as instructors, and who have made outstanding contributions to student life and to student endeavors.

Criteria:

Candidates must be Mount Royal University faculty members who have demonstrated a commitment to teaching that goes beyond their responsibilities as instructors. No transcripts are required for this application.

To Apply:

- Submit a completed nomination form
- Submit a 250 word essay, written by the nominating individual, detailing the reasons for the instructor's nomination and focusing on the instructor's exceptional contributions

Champion Award

Number: Variable

Purpose:

A certificate is awarded to each recipient. These awards are presented to those faculty or staff members who are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of students at MRU. These individuals go above and beyond the expected in their commitment to students and to making a difference at Mount Royal University.

Criteria:

Candidates must be non-student members of the campus community who have demonstrated a passion for enhancing the lives of students at Mount Royal University. No transcripts are required for this application.

To Apply:

- Submit a completed nomination form
- Submit a 250 word essay, written by the nominating individual, detailing the reasons for the individual's nomination

E-Awards 2012 Application Form

The Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU) believes the ultimate goal of all Mount Royal University students is academic success and personal achievement. The Association understands the importance of recognizing and honouring the non-academic and co-curricular contributions of MRU students.

The E-Awards, which stand for Excellence, Enrichment and Endeavour, are presented at an annual awards ceremony hosted by the Students' Association every spring. SAMRU has been honouring exceptional contributions from its members for over 50 years. The purpose of the E-Awards is to honour student achievement and leadership, and the dedication of instructors and staff at Mount Royal University.

Please print all information clearly. All information must be included. Social Insurance Number is for tax purposes.

I. Personal Information

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Social Insurance: _____

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Address: _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Signature _____

II. Award Applying For:

See *E-Awards booklet* for information on each scholarship and for requirements. Please note that each award requires a separate application form and individual essay. Additional application forms are available at www.samru.ca or SAMRU reception in room Z222.

- Outstanding Student of the Year, Gold Award, Silver Awards, Bronze Award
- Inspiring Culture Award Beyond Disabilities Award Deanna Cardinal Memorial Award
- Gender and Sexual Diversity Award
- Athletic Award Green Earth Award Citizenship Award
- Committed Learner Award Experiential Studies Award Part Time Studies Award
- Reflector Award

Club Awards:

- Excellence in Community Service Award Excellence in Membership Services Award

Nominated Club (if required): _____

Staff Awards:

- Teaching Excellence Award Champion Award

Name of Nominee (if required): _____

III. Attachments

Did you remember to attach:

- An essay supporting your application?
- A volunteer summary sheet, if applicable?
- Unofficial transcripts, if applicable?
- A letter of reference, if applicable?

For help on filling out this application form or completing the volunteer summary sheet, see www.samru.ca/eaawards

Please list all additional attachments in space provided below:

IV.

IV. Additional information

Please let us know where you got this application form:

- Wyckham Reception* *MRU Awards office* *Library* *Bookstore* *Booth in hall* *Other:*

For specific criteria and information about scholarships please refer to the E-Awards guidebook available online at

Note: The following individuals are not eligible for E-Awards:

- E-Awards Selection Committee Members
- Students' Association Students' Council Members (with the exception of the Outstanding Councillor of the Year Award)
- Former members of the Students' Association Executive Committee for a period of two years following the end of their term in office
- Full-time staff members of the Student' Association

I would like to receive occasional emails from SAMRU regarding upcoming volunteer opportunities.

***Please note that incomplete and/or frivolous applications will not be considered.
Submit applications to the SAMRU Reception in Room Z222 in Wyckham House before the deadline.***



The personal information collected on this form will be used to administer and manage Students' Association's programs and services, and to maintain the Students' Association's records. This information will be protected by the provisions of the Personal Information Privacy Act and can be reviewed during normal business hours upon request. Information may be disclosed to third parties in order to meet specific contractual and legislative requirements required to deliver services you have requested. We treat your personal information with care and respect and use it to improve our services to you.

Duration	Number of hours volunteered
<i>How long you were a volunteer (e.g. one event; two semesters, etc)</i>	<i>How many hours you worked in a given time period (e.g. 5 hrs/week; 30 hrs/semester)</i>

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E-Awards FAQ

What are the E-Awards anyway?

The E-Awards are the Students' Association's annual scholarships, awarded to students who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence, enrichment and endeavour.

So, why are they called E-Awards? Does it have something to do with electronics, like e-mail or e-commerce?

Back in 1950, when the E-Awards began, the "E" stood for "excellence", "efficiency" and "endeavour". We're guessing they probably didn't have email back then.

Who is eligible for the E-Awards?

All members of the Students' Association are eligible for E-Awards with the exception of members of Students' Council, former members of the Executive Committee (for a period of two years), members of the E-Awards Selection Committee and full-time SAMRU staff.

Am I a member of the Students' Association?

If you are taking at least one credit course at Mount Royal then you are a member of the Students' Association... and eligible for the E-Awards.

Can I use the same person as a reference for more than one award?

You're welcome to use the same person as a reference for more than one award, as long as they meet the criteria laid out by the awards you are applying for. You don't need to print separate letters for each award you apply for—just make sure that your reference letter(s) address all the awards you're applying for.

Do I have to write an essay, or can I just fill out the form?

Sorry, all E-Awards require the submission of an essay.

Do I have to fill out a separate application form for each award I'm applying for?

Yes. This year, all E-Awards applications must be submitted with a separate form. You can simply photocopy the enclosed form, or pick up additional forms in room Z 222 or online at www.samru.ca

Do I have to write a separate essay for each award?

You must submit a separate essay for each award you are applying for. You may, however, include material from one essay in another. For instance, you may use the examples you provide in your essay for the Green Earth Award in your essay for the Outstanding Student of the Year Award.

All of my volunteer experience took place off campus. Can I still include it in my application?

Of course! In some cases preference is given to those applicants with volunteer experience within the Association, but any and all volunteer contributions are valid when applying.

I'm not a person with a disability. Am I eligible for the Beyond Disabilities award?

Yes, you are still eligible, as long as your volunteer contributions have enhanced inclusion of individuals with disabilities. There are no E-Awards exclusively for a particular demographic.

When will I be notified if I receive an award?

The E-Awards are given out at the annual E-Awards Ceremony. All E-Awards applicants will be invited and the winners will be announced at the ceremony. It's always a lot of fun to go, even if you don't receive an award.

What is the deadline for submissions?

The deadline for the 2011-12 E-Awards is February 29, 2012.

Who should I contact if I have questions about the E-Awards?

For information or help with the E-Awards, don't hesitate to contact SAMRU Vice President Student Life Kaylene McTavish at (403)440-6993 or by email at vpstudentlife@samru.ca