

The Helen B. Ross Jazz Scholarship for Young Canadians

Submission and Qualification Guidelines

Criteria for Eligibility:

This scholarship is for a young person who is attending a degree granting post-secondary university or college. It is open to a person who wishes to continue their studies in music, with an interest in jazz. This person needs to be entering a minimum of their second year of studies.

- The applicant must be between the ages of 18 and 25 who has completed one-year of studies with a B (3.0) average in a university or college.
- The applicant must be continuing their studies in a music-degree program and have a special interest in jazz.
- The applicant must complete the four-part scholarship application.

Application Requirements:

Applications will be assessed by an adjudication jury consisting of no less than three (3) participants. Jury members must include at least one current JazzYYC Board member, one community jazz musician and one representative of the sponsor. The jury's decision will be guided by the following criteria:

- B (3.0) average during the first year of studies in a university or college.
- Their level of past music education and experience.
- Performance based on a new three-minute audio recording.
- A letter of 250-300 words describing why they selected music studies, artistic goals and what they are hoping to achieve in their future in music as a career. It will include their continuing planned program of study and the length of program.
- Completed application with references.

Scholarship Value:

The scholarship is valued at \$1,000.00 Canadian. Sponsored by Clayton C. Hayes.

Scholarship Conditions

The Helen B. Ross Jazz Scholarship can be applied to any costs related to:

- Tuition
- Books and Materials
- Preparation for program auditions



Submitting the Application Process

An application requires the following four items to be submitted by email to:

education.coordinator@jazzyyc.com

1. Completed "Helen B. Ross Jazz Scholarship" application form. Save the file using the following naming convention:

Applicant Last Name, First Name—Helen B. Ross Jazz Scholarship Application

2. A completed "Helen B. Ross Jazz Scholarship"—Professor/instructor Reference form. Save the file using the following naming convention:

Applicant Last Name, First Name, Professor/instructor Last Name— Helen B. Ross Jazz Scholarship

3. A three-minute audio recording in MP3 file format, demonstrating the applicant's ability on the piano or instrument. Send a jazz standard if the applicant's area of focus is jazz.

At the beginning of the recording, clearly state your name and the name of the piece being performed. Save the file using the following naming convention:

Last Name, First Name— Helen B. Ross Jazz Scholarship

4. A letter of 250-300 words in which the applicant shares why she/he selected music studies and what they care about achieving for their future in music. Save the Word file using the following naming convention:

Last Name, First Name— Helen B. Ross Jazz Scholarship

For more information, please email Brandon Chernow at education.coordinator@jazzyyc.com

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