THE
Betty G. Headley
SENIOR ESSAY AWARD 2020

Established in memory of her mother by St. Jerome’s University graduate Sara Elizabeth “Sally” Headley (BA ‘04 - English Language and Literature), this annual award honours essays, written by upper year undergraduate students, which are distinguished by their eloquence, originality, and persuasive power.

ELIGIBILITY

$1,500 Award (Course-related essay)
Essays submitted by students currently registered* at St. Jerome’s University (SJU), Renison University College, or the University of Waterloo for any third or fourth year level course taught at SJU or any University of Waterloo campus or affiliated institution.

OR

$500 Award (Personal essay)
Personal reflective essays written on any topic expressly for this competition by students currently registered* at St. Jerome’s University, Renison University College, or University of Waterloo.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES (please read carefully)

• An entry form must be included with each submitted essay.
• Students may submit a maximum of one essay in each category for consideration per award year. However, qualifying students may submit entries in subsequent years.
• The Selection Committee reserves the right to forego the presentation of the awards if no worthy recipient is identified.
• Papers must not exceed 4,500 words (approximately 15 pages in length). There is no minimum length.
• IMPORTANT: To ensure an impartial review process:
  * the student’s name, course number and professor’s name should appear only on the entry form—NOT on the essay itself;
  * a clean, unmarked copy must be submitted; and
  * the student’s UW ID number should appear on the front page of the essay and as a footer on each page.
• Essays written for courses may be revised prior to submission.
• Personal reflective essays written expressly for this award competition must be identified as such.
• Copies of submissions will not be returned.
• Essays should have been written in 2019 or 2020.
• "Currently registered" means registered in Spring 2019 and/or Fall 2019 and/or Winter 2020.
• Entries failing to meet these guidelines will not be considered.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE  No later than 1:00 p.m. on June 1, 2020*.

FORMAT OF SUBMISSION

Hardcopy submissions will not be accepted on campus, due to current pandemic COVID-19 protocols in place at St. Jerome’s University.

Electronic submissions should be emailed to Lorna Rourke, Librarian and Chair of the Headley Senior Essay Award Committee, at headleyaward2020@gmail.com with “Headley submission” as the subject line.

Questions? Please contact Lorna E. Rourke, Librarian at lerourke@uwaterloo.ca.

*The submission deadline has been extended to June 1st, further to the current unprecedented circumstances.