THE

Betty G. Headley

SENIOR ESSAY AWARD 2021

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 2020 or 2021.
- *“Currently registered” means registered in Spring 2020 and/or Fall 2020 and/or Winter 2021.
- Entries failing to meet these guidelines will not be considered.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

No later than 1:00 p.m. on June 1, 2021.

FORMAT OF SUBMISSION

Electronic submissions only will be accepted, and should be emailed to headleyaward2021@gmail.com with “Headley submission” as the subject line.

Questions? Please email headleyaward2021@gmail.com with “Headley question” in the subject line.
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ENTRY FORM

The following entry form **MUST** be included with your electronic essay submission emailed to headleyaward2021@gmail.com **by 1:00 p.m. on June 1, 2021** to be eligible for consideration.

*Name: ____________________________________________________________

*Do not include your name anywhere on your essay--provide it only on this entry form

Your current year (e.g. 3A, 4B): ______________________________

Student ID: ___________________________________________________________________

Registered Institution (select one):

☐ St. Jerome’s University
☐ University of Waterloo
☐ Renison University College

Permanent Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________

Province: __________________________ Postal Code: _______________

Phone: ________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________

**Origin of Submission (select one and complete as necessary)**

Submitted for a 300 or 400 level undergraduate course

Instructor: ___________________________________________________________________________

Course: _____________________________________________________________________________

OR

Written expressly for the Award competition

*I confirm that all necessary acknowledgement of the work of others has been made in this submission and that this is original work that represents my intellectual property. Should this essay be selected for the Betty G. Headley Senior Essay Award, I give permission to St. Jerome’s University, after clearly identifying my authorship, to make it publicly available in any way that it chooses.*

Signature* _____________________________________________________________________________

*Entry must be signed by the essay writer*