
FACULTY OF ARTS

2017 FACULTY RECOMMENDED: CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS

Application Deadline: noon March 15, 2017

For application forms, please check the Student Awards and Financial Assistance info at www.kpu.ca/awards.

*Unless otherwise specified in the award criteria, it is expected that award recipients will be returning to KPU in the fall.

Bess Coyne Creative Writing Award

Bess Coyne had a life-long love affair with literature. It began in childhood and blossomed over the years to include some of the great poets and novelists of history. She was a devoted reader of The Brownings, Tennyson, Keats, Kipling and later the Great War poet, Rupert Brooke. As a teenager, she copied her favorite pieces with pen and ink into a plain notebook which remains in her family today. Bess Coyne imparted the magic of the written word to her seven children by reading to them from the works of Louisa May Alcott, Charles Dickens, Mark Twain and Robert Louis Stevenson. She was born in Liverpool, England in 1913, lived on three continents and died at the age of 90 at her home in White Rock, BC where she had lived since 1947. Her epitaph may well be "Richer than I you never can be. I had a mother who read to me."

Amount: \$1000 Tuition Credit (Fall)

Criteria:

- Student 30 years of age or older
- must submit a six-page portfolio and a 500-word personal essay on **"What has surprised you the most about your own writing practice?"**

The Creative Writing faculty will review the portfolios and responses and announce the winner. The award will also be recognized at the annual Scholarships & Awards Dinner each year.

Students are to submit their writing portfolio and personal response, in a single file, via email to cathleen.with@kpu.ca by the posted deadline (late submissions will not be accepted). Submissions should not include the student's name anywhere in the file, neither on the pages nor in a cover letter. All submissions should include a student number with the subject line *CRWR Scholarship Submission*.

Creative Writing Award

The award is given annually to an outstanding Creative Writing student who has completed at least three credits of the Creative Writing program at KPU and who is continuing at KPU in the discipline. Students will be asked to submit a six-page portfolio and a 500-word personal essay on **"What has surprised you the most about your own writing practice?"** The Creative Writing faculty will review the

portfolios and responses and announce the winner. The award will also be recognized at the annual Scholarships & Awards Dinner each year.

Amount: \$1000 Tuition Credit (Fall)

Criteria:

- the candidate's caliber of writing (in any creative writing genre)
- demonstrated engagement with the craft and the quality of the student's personal response

Students to submit their writing portfolio and personal response, in a single file, via email to cathleen.with@kpu.ca by the posted deadline (late submissions will not be accepted). Submissions should not include the student's name anywhere in the file, neither on the pages nor in a cover letter. All submissions should include a student number with the subject line *CRWR Scholarship Submission*.

David and Terry Atkinson Creative Writing Award

This award was established to commemorate the strong contribution former President Atkinson made to the institution. The award is given annually in the form of a tuition credit to an outstanding Creative Writing student who is continuing at KPU in the discipline and who demonstrates excellence in the craft. Students will be asked to submit a six-page portfolio, a one page CV and a 500-word personal essay on **the meaning and value of a literary community**. The Creative Writing faculty will review the portfolios and responses and announce the winner. The award will also be recognized at the annual Scholarships & Awards Dinner each year.

Amount: \$1500 Tuition Credit (Fall)

Criteria:

- the candidate's caliber of writing (in any creative writing genre)
- demonstrated engagement in building community among Creative Writing students at Kwantlen
- the quality of their personal essay on "the meaning and value of a literary community"
- must have completed a minimum of 6 credits in the Creative Writing program

Students will be asked to submit their writing portfolio and personal response, in a single file, via email to cathleen.with@kpu.ca by the posted deadline (late submissions will not be accepted). Submissions should not include the student's name anywhere in the file, neither on the pages nor in a cover letter. All submissions should include a student number with the subject line *CRWR Scholarship Submission*.

PIPS Wordsmith Endowed Award

Polytechnic Ink Publishing Society (PIPS) is a non-profit society that governs KPU's main student-led publications such as The Runner. The society holds its mandates in high regards, which include duties to: "act as an unbiased agent of social, cultural and environmental change", and "use its freedom from commercial, political and other controls to ensure that it presents local, national and international news fairly, and examines what other media avoid." PIPS is pleased to present this creative writing award to a full-time KPU student enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing program.

Amount: \$1000 Tuition Credit (Fall)

Criteria:

- recipient must be enrolled in KPU's Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing program
- full-time student (9 credits or more) in their 2nd, 3rd or 4th year at KPU

- CGPA of 2.00 or greater
- must not have received any other PIPS Endowed Awards for this current year
- recipient must provide a writing sample containing no more than 5 pages of poetry or prose, or an equivalent New Media project (Videos, Web content, etc).

The Creative Writing faculty will review the portfolios and responses and announce the winner. The award will also be recognized at the annual Scholarships & Awards Dinner each year.

Students will be asked to submit their writing portfolio and personal response, in a single file, via email to cathleen.with@kpu.ca by the posted deadline (late submissions will not be accepted). Submissions should not include the student's name anywhere in the file, neither on the pages nor in a cover letter. All submissions should include a student number with the subject line *CRWR Scholarship Submission*.

Billeh Nickerson Creative Writing Award

Named after KPU Creative Writing Alumnus and former department Chair, Billeh Nickerson, The Billeh Nickerson Creative Writing Award is given to an exceptional student working on a project informed by personal experience.

Award Amount: \$1,000 Tuition Credit (Fall)

Criteria:

- the candidate's calibre of writing (in any creative writing genre)
- the student's demonstrated engagement with the craft and the quality of their personal response
- must have completed a minimum of 6 credits in the Creative Writing program
- Students will be asked to submit a short portfolio (six pages in any genre) from their project based on personal experience, and a five-hundred word personal essay on: **"Why is your writing important?"**

Students should submit their writing portfolio and personal response via email, in a single file, by the deadline, to cathleen.with@kpu.ca. Late submissions will not be accepted. Submissions should not include the student's name anywhere in the file, neither on the pages nor in a cover letter. All submissions should include a student number with the subject line *Billeh Nickerson Award Submission*. This award will also be recognized at the annual Scholarships and Awards Dinner each year.

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