

STEPHEN A. CORCORAN MEMORIAL AWARD
Application Deadline: February 27, 2017 at 4pm



Stephen A. Corcoran was born and raised in Vancouver. He was an athletic and artistic young man who enjoyed tennis and rugby and sketching cartoons for his high school newspaper. He attended the Vancouver School of Art (now Emily Carr) in the early 1970's.

At the age of 28, Stephen was diagnosed with Schizophrenia, and by then he had a young family. He obtained a welding certificate and worked at a local saw mill. He collected wood burls which he enjoyed polishing and shaping.

The stresses and stigma of mental illness overcame both work and family life, and it was many years before art triumphed. His woodworking and welding techniques transferred into his chalk pastels, giving them grain and structure. Stephen's mixed media artwork provides special insight into his playfully expressionistic art.

The Stephen A. Corcoran Memorial Award was created and funded by Stephen's family and friends to honour his creative and artistic legacy by providing encouragement and removing financial barriers for Emily Carr students who have been medically diagnosed as having a significant and chronic mental health condition/disorder. This annual award has a value of \$1,000.

To qualify for the Stephen A. Corcoran Memorial Award, students will:

- provide medical documentation evidencing diagnosis of a significant and chronic mental health condition/disorder
- be currently enrolled in the Emily Carr credit program (minimum six credits)
- be on a current government student loan
- complete the personal essay questions (see attached)
- provide a letter of reference in support of this application
- not have received this award previously

CONFIDENTIALITY: The information included in this application will be kept confidential among the Awards Selection Committee with the following exception for the successful recipient:

- The Donor Relations + Awards Officer (DAO) will be informed of the medical diagnosis, academic year, area of study, and personal essay for the purpose of informing the donor – the name of the successful recipient will be withheld.
- The successful recipient is encouraged to write a thank you letter to the donor – excluding their name – and forward it to the DAO in the Advancement and Alumni Affairs office (Room 271).

Complete the following to apply for the Stephen A. Corcoran Memorial Award (print clearly):

Name: _____ Student #: _____

Address: _____

Area of Study (Year/Program): _____

- I have been diagnosed as having a significant and chronic mental health condition/disorder and have included a doctor's assessment of my diagnosis
- I have included a letter of reference in support of this application
- I am currently enrolled in six or more credits
- I am on a current government student loan
- I have completed (and attached) the personal essay questions addressing the positive steps I am taking to manage my condition/disorder (250-500 words)

Please return the completed form with all attachments in a sealed envelope to the Student Resource Coordinator, Emily Carr Counselling Office (Room 295) by Monday, February 27, 2017 at 4pm.

PERSONAL ESSAY QUESTIONS – to be completed and returned with the application form. Please write on additional pages if needed.

1. What is your mental health diagnosis?
2. How has your mental health condition impacted you and your schooling and your decision to pursue art and design?
3. What steps have you taken to manage your health condition (i.e. therapy, medical treatment, self-care strategies such as yoga, meditation, exercise, etc.)?
4. How will this award help you?