

# ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL WRITING COMPETITION

The English Department announces the annual competition for prizes in writing. The prizes are cash awards ranging from \$50 to \$500. We encourage students from every department and school within Northwestern to compete according to the guidelines below.

- Any original work is eligible, whether or not it was written for a class.
- Students may submit only one work in each of the following categories: poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction essay, critical essay, 298 paper.
- The length for critical essays is 5-20 pages; the maximum length for fiction and creative nonfiction is 20 pages; the maximum length for a poetry manuscript is 10 pages or 3 poems.
- You do not need to submit your work for a specific prize; we will consider it for all appropriate prize(s).

A cover sheet (over) should be filled out and attached to a clean copy of each piece of work turned in. The author's name must not appear on the work itself. Work will be judged anonymously and identified afterward through the cover sheets.

## CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS

The EDWIN L. SHUMAN AWARD for CREATIVE NONFICTION ESSAY

The EDWIN L. SHUMAN AWARD for FICTION

The ROBERT A. DENTLER AWARD for BEST POEM is offered for one outstanding POEM

The FARICY AWARD for POETRY (may be divided among two or more students)

The ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PRIZE for FICTION

The ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PRIZE for CREATIVE NONFICTION

THE HELEN G. SCOTT PRIZES for CREATIVE WRITING (categories will vary)

## ELIGIBILITY

Any WCAS undergraduate student

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Any Northwestern undergraduate student

Any Northwestern undergraduate student

Any Northwestern graduate or undergraduate student

Any Northwestern graduate or undergraduate student

Any Northwestern undergraduate student

## LITERATURE AWARDS

The EDWIN L. SHUMAN AWARD for CRITICAL ESSAY

The MAYO PRIZE for BEST ENGLISH 298 PAPER

The HARRIET GILLIAM MEMORIAL PRIZE for the best essay dealing with the psychological or psychoanalytic interpretation of a literary text.

The ROBERT A. DENTLER AWARD for BEST ESSAY on poetry or poets

The HELEN G. SCOTT PRIZE for BEST CRITICAL ESSAY on LITERATURE, pre-1798

The HELEN G. SCOTT PRIZE for BEST CRITICAL ESSAY on AMERICAN LITERATURE

The HELEN G. SCOTT PRIZE for BEST CRITICAL ESSAY on LITERARY CRITICISM and THEORY

The HELEN G. SCOTT PRIZE for BEST CRITICAL ESSAY on GLOBAL ENGLISH

The HELEN G. SCOTT PRIZE for BEST CRITICAL ESSAY on BRITISH LITERATURE

The HELEN G. SCOTT PRIZE for BEST RESEARCH PAPER on LITERATURE

The ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PRIZE for CRITICAL NONFICTION

## ELIGIBILITY

Any WCAS undergraduate student

Any undergraduate student who took English 298 in Spring 2015, Fall 2015, or Winter 2016

Any Northwestern undergraduate student

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Any Northwestern undergraduate student

Any Northwestern undergraduate student

Any Northwestern undergraduate student

Any Northwestern undergraduate student

Any Northwestern undergraduate student

Any Northwestern graduate or undergraduate student

In addition to the prizes listed above, the department will present the following awards to students who have demonstrated continued excellence in their work in the English Department. Students should NOT apply directly for these prizes.

### EDWIN L. SHUMAN AWARDS:

The Shuman Junior Award in Creative Writing will be awarded to the best junior Creative Writing major.

The Shuman Senior Award in Creative Writing will be awarded to the best senior Creative Writing major.

The Shuman Award for Best Honors Thesis in Creative Writing will be awarded to the best creative honors thesis.

The Shuman Junior Award in Literature will be awarded to the best junior English Literature major.

The Shuman Senior Award in Literature will be awarded to the best senior English Literature major.

The Shuman Award for Best Honors Thesis in Literature will be awarded to the best critical honors thesis.

**ENTRIES DUE: THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016 in UNIVERSITY HALL 215**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS CEREMONY ON FRIDAY, MAY 27<sup>th</sup> AT 3:30 P.M.**



**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL  
WRITING COMPETITION COVERSHEET  
2016**

Please make sure your name does not appear on your entry.  
Your name should appear only on this coversheet.

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NU NETID: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM A(N): \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate Student    \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Student

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATION YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR/PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE OF ENTRY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SELECT CATEGORY: (only one submission per category)**

1. **CRITICAL ESSAY**
2. **298 PAPER**
3. **CREATIVE NONFICTION ESSAY**
4. **FICTION**
5. **POETRY**

If you are submitting in more than one category, please fill out a separate coversheet for each entry.