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
Any WCAS undergraduate student
Any Northwestern undergraduate student
Any Northwestern 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
Any Northwestern undergraduate student
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 27th AT 3:30 P.M.
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL WRITING COMPETITION COVERSHEET 2016

Please make sure you 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.