Department of English 2006 Writing Contests

» Deadline for All Contests

Friday, March 10, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.
231 Stansbury Hall
No entries submitted after the deadline will be accepted.

» Rules

Students' names should be omitted from the entries. Attach a 3 x 5 card to the entry which lists: name, local address, email address, local telephone number, rank (fr, soph, etc.), social security number, title of entry, and name of contest entering (be sure to specify which division within the contest if applicable), and instructor and class for whom the paper was written.

Winners will be notified by April 12 and will be invited to the Department's annual Awards luncheon held on Wednesday, April 19. Any WVU student is eligible for these contests; however, the student's entry must have been written while the student was enrolled at West Virginia University. Students may not submit the same entry for more than one contest or more than one entry per contest.

For more information, email jharms@wvu.edu.

» Jon Scott Nelson Freshman Creative Writing Contest

This contest is open to all WVU freshmen. Prizes are awarded for first ($125), second ($100), and third place ($75). Creative writing only. Please submit one entry in either fiction, creative nonfiction, or poetry (a poetry entry should be 3-5 poems).

» Jon Scott Nelson Freshman Writing Award

All students enrolled in English 101 during either the Fall 2005 or Spring 2006 semesters are eligible with five prizes awarded annually ($100 each). Please submit one essay written in an English 101 class.

» Waitman Barbe Creative Writing Contest

This contest is separated into three divisions—fiction, poetry, and nonfiction. One prize ($75) and one honorable mention ($25) are awarded in each division. Open to undergraduate students. Please submit one entry in either fiction, creative nonfiction, or poetry (a poetry entry should be 3-5 poems).
» James Paul Brawner Expository Writing Contest

This contest is separated into three divisions--English 102, undergraduate and graduate. First ($100), second ($75), and third ($50) place awards are given for each division. Expository writing only. Please submit one example of expository writing; students may not submit more than one entry per contest.

» Russ MacDonald Graduate Creative Writing Contest

This is the only creative writing contest solely for WVU graduate students. Generally, three prizes are awarded annually ($75 each). Please submit one entry in either fiction, creative nonfiction, or poetry (a poetry entry should be 3-5 poems).