

The Hunter College English Department's

Prizes and Awards Listings

2018

Rules for the English Department's 2018 Prizes and Awards

Deadline for all submissions will be 11:59pm on Tuesday March 20th, 2018.

1. Students may enter as many of these competitions as they wish, and they may submit more than one entry in a single competition.
2. The same work, in whole or in part, may not be submitted in more than one competition.
3. If the work has been published, the name and the date of the publication must be included on the application form.
4. If the work has previously won a prize, award, or fellowship outside of Hunter or at Hunter, the name and date of that prize should be included on the application form.
5. Prose should be doubled spaced. Poetry can be formatted however the poet intends. Margins should be an inch. Use 12 pt. font.
6. Except in the cases of the Cone and Williams Fellowships, each entry must be submitted without a name on any page, unless it is used in the entry text.
7. In the event of a tie, the committee will divide the prize money among the winners.

Important note: students who owe money to the college will have money deducted from their prizes and awards total before the checks are issued in June. You must have completed a FAFSA for the current academic school year. Hunter's code for fafsa.ed.gov is 002689.

Submissions will be collected through submittable.com. We will post the link to our submission page on our website on Monday February 5th.

For more information, go to hunter.cuny.edu/english or reach out to the department at english@hunter.cuny.edu

Prize Categories

The Blanche Colton Williams Fellowship in English (\$5000)

The Williams Fellowship is open to any English major of the January or June graduating class of Hunter College who has demonstrated exceptional ability in English studies. The fellowship will be awarded to help support graduate study in English. Applicants should submit two copies of a substantial work of no more than 25 pages—scholarly, critical, or creative.

The Helen Gray Cone Fellowship in English (\$7,000)

The Cone Fellowship, to be awarded to help support graduate study in English, is open to any graduating senior or graduate of Hunter College, no matter what the candidate's undergraduate major may have been, who has displayed exceptional ability in scholarship. Applicants should submit two copies of a research paper of no more than 25 pages; creative writing manuscripts are not acceptable for this competition.

The Harvey Minkoff Award in Linguistics (\$100)

The Minkoff Award is for an outstanding undergraduate student in the field of linguistics. Applicants should submit two copies of a substantial work of no more than 25 pages—scholarly or

The Wendell Stacy Johnson Award

for Outstanding Scholarship in 19th or 20th Century English Literature (\$200)

Applicants should submit two copies of a scholarly or critical essay of no more than 25 pages on some field of British Literature in the 19th and/or 20th Centuries.

The David Stevenson Award

for Outstanding Scholarship in Shakespeare Studies (\$75)

Applicants should submit two copies of a scholarly or critical essay centering on the works of Shakespeare.

The Sylvia and Howard Roshkow Memorial Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship in 20th-Century American Literature (\$75)

Applicants should submit two copies of a scholarly or critical essay of no more than 25 pages on some field of 20th-Century American Literature.

**The Matthew Ray Wiesen Prize
for an Outstanding Graduating English Major (\$100)**

Applicants should submit two copies of a manuscript which is particularly notable for clarity and precision of style and mechanics as well as two copies of a transcript. Open to graduates of the September '17, January '18, and June '18 classes.

The Mary McElligott Gloster Award (\$2,500)

The Mary McElligott Gloster Award is to be given "to a deserving female student at the end of her Junior year at Hunter College. It is intended that the recipient, who must be a major in English, will use the money to travel or otherwise enhance her studies in the summer previous to or during her junior year." Applicants should submit two copies of a transcript, two copies of a sample of academic writing, and two copies of a letter outlining intentions for the expenditure of the prize if it is won.

The Harry Rosenfeld-Berle Reade and Ida Solomon Fischer Reade Prize (\$200)

The Harry Rosenfeld-Berle Reade and Isa Solomon Fischer Reade Prize is a for an outstanding and promising student of English who has been at Hunter College for three years and is now a Junior during the 2016-2017 academic year. Applicants should submit two copies of a transcript along with two copies of a sample of academic writing.

The Katherine H. Gatch—Marion W. Witt Fellowship (\$3000)

This award is given in memory of Professors Gatch and Witt by their former students to honor their memory at Hunter College where they both taught from 1929 to 1962. This award is for a graduating senior in English who wishes to travel abroad as part of a continuing interest in advanced study of English or any of the Humanities. The student should have an excellent record in English and apply for the award by submitting two copies of an essay that would give the plan of travel. A copy of the student's transcript is also required. Should there be no suitable candidate for the traveling fellowship, the award may be given to a graduating senior who has a distinguished record in English, and wishes to continue graduate studies in English or any of the Humanities. Such a student should also apply for the award by essay (again, submit in duplicate) enclose two copies of a transcript.

The Gail Gordon English 120 Prize (\$100)

The English 120 Prize is open to 1st degree undergraduate students who completed the course in Spring 2017, Summer 2017, or Fall 2017. Applicants should submit two copies of an essay written for 120 as well as two copies of their Hunter transcript showing registration for the course during 2017.

The May Lamar and John W. Thorn English 220 Prize (\$100)

The English 220 prize is open to 1st degree undergraduate students who completed the course in Spring 2016, Summer 2016, or Fall 2016. Applicants should submit two copies of an essay written for 220. The essay must have a minimum word count of 2,000 words. Applicants should also provide two copies of their Hunter transcript showing registration for the course during 2016.

THE CAMILLA SCHWIEGER SCHOLARSHIP (\$3000)

This scholarship is to be awarded annually to an undergraduate student who is an older returning student. Applicants should submit two copies of an appropriate academic work of no more than 25 pages and a transcript. The recipient will be selected based on merit by the designee of the fund.

THE BURNS LITERARY PRIZE (\$1000)

This prize is to award an undergraduate or graduate student who writes the best paper on a topic related to the poetry of Robert Burns, the 18th Century Scottish poet. Applicants should submit two copies of an appropriate academic work of no more than 25 pages and a transcript.

Creative Writing Prize Categories

The Academy of American Poets Prize (\$100)

Applicants for this award should submit a poem or a group of poems in duplicate. Judges select one winner and one honorable mention. Applicants need to write their year of birth on the line with their name. The Academy of American Poets enters winning poems by students 23 years-old and younger for a \$1000.00 Alike Perroti and Seth Frank Most Promising Young Poet Award.

The Mary M. Fay Award in Poetry (\$200)

Applicants for this award should submit a poem or a group of poems in duplicate.

The Bernard Cohen Short Story Prize (\$700)

Applicants for this award should submit two copies of one story per entry.

The Andrew and Eleanor McGlinchey Prize for a Play (\$3000)

Applicants for this award should submit two copies of one play (one-act or full length) per entry.

The Tessie K. Sharps Prize for an Essay on Friendship (2 prizes of \$3000)

The Scharps Prize will be awarded for a work of non-fiction prose on the subject of friendship by a student in his/her junior year. In any given year, up to three prizes may be awarded for entries which are formal or personal essays, biographical or autobiographical accounts, or essays in the style of New Journalism. Applicants for this award should submit two copies of one manuscript per entry.

The Edith Goldberg Paulson Memorial Prize for Creative Writing (\$1000)

This prize will be awarded each year to a graduating senior who has demonstrated unusual ability in the field of creative writing. Applicants for this award should submit two copies of either poetry, fiction, or essay writing along with two copies of a transcript.

The Audre Lorde Award (Prize amount TBA)

The Audre Lorde Award, presented on behalf of the Office of the President of Hunter College, is to be awarded to any currently enrolled and matriculated under graduate student whose work in poetry or prose best exemplifies the ideals to which Audre Lorde dedicated her life: exploring the experience of African-Americans, the experience of gay women, the experience of battling cancer, as well as illuminating the common nature and equal rights of all peoples of the world. Applicants for this award should submit two copies of one manuscript per entry.

The Memoir Prize (Prize amount TBA)

The Memoir Prize will be given for one undergraduate prose work and one graduate prose work, 2500 to 5000 words long, that best exemplify the artistic possibilities of the memoir form to examine the writers' lives. Applicants for this award should submit two copies of one manuscript per entry.

The Colie Hoffman Poetry Prize (\$150)

This prize is for a female poet in Hunter's MFA in Creative Writing who has shown an exceptional blend of imagination and craft in her poetry. Applicants for this award should submit two copies of one manuscript per entry.

In the event that you receive a prize or receive honorable mention, you will be asked for the following:

- 1) a photo
- 2) a brief biography
- 3) a short excerpt from your winning entry

This is for the program we prepare every year for the English Majors Party. We will need this very promptly. We will also plan to announce the winners on either Monday, April 25th or Thursday, April 26th, 2018 in a little ceremony outside the English Office at 2:30 p.m. The tentative date for our party will be Wednesday, May 16th.