Undergraduate Awards & Scholarships

Expository Writing Program Essay Awards are given for essays written in Expository Writing I and II during the award’s academic year. All essays that are submitted before the award deadline to Prairie Lights, the Expository Writing Program’s annual publication of student writing, will be considered. Students should follow the submission guidelines that can be found on the last page of this year’s Prairie Lights. First place award: $150; second place: $100. Committee: Marzluf (marzluf@ksu.edu), Faculty of the Expository Writing Committee.

The Touchstone Undergraduate Creative Writing Awards are nominated by the editors of Touchstone for the best short fiction, nonfiction, and group of poems submitted by K-State undergraduates. Any K-State undergraduate may submit up to thirty pages of fiction or nonfiction and/or up to ten pages of poetry. Previous first place winners are ineligible. First place award in each category: $75; second place: $50. Committee: Rebecca Nelson and other undergraduate student editors of Touchstone; Brimhall, Smith.

The Clark M. Brink Memorial Essay Awards are two awards given for essays exhibiting "the highest degree of originality of composition and excellence in handling a topic treating or exemplifying the values of humanistic studies." The essay should be no more than 5,000 words. Competition for the award is open to all undergraduate students at K-State. Committee: Wood (njwood@ksu.edu), Faculty of the Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

The Kansas State Professional Writing Awards are given for single-authored writing assignments of five pages or more written by an undergraduate student for English 417. Each instructor teaching this course may nominate two submissions for this award. First place award: $100; second place: $50. Committee: Yu (hyu1@ksu.edu), Goins, Payne, Turner.

The Kansas State Technical and Scientific Writing Awards are given for the best final project, single-authored papers written by an undergraduate student for English 415 or English 516. Each instructor teaching these courses may nominate two papers for this award. First place award: $100; second place: $50. Committee: Yu (hyu1@ksu.edu), Friedmann, Merrick, Reekie.

The Hallam Walker Davis Memorial Scholarship is granted to an undergraduate English major on the basis of the student’s academic performance in English. No application is required. Committee: Wood, Faculty of the Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

The Kenneth and Martha Chappell Scholarship is awarded to a junior, senior, or fifth-year English major who has a minimum of 3.0 GPA and exhibits financial need. Students should complete the application form posted at <http://www.k-state.edu/english/programs/ugrad/>. Committee: Wood (njwood@ksu.edu), Faculty of the Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

The Lamb Memorial Scholarship recognizes outstanding creative writing students and students who play intercollegiate basketball. The scholarship is granted in alternating years to sophomore, junior, and senior students who are enrolled in creative writing or who play intercollegiate basketball. Previous winners are ineligible. No application is required. Committee: Brimhall, Faculty of the Creative Writing Committee.

The Brewster Rogerson Scholarship is awarded to two undergraduate English majors who display financial need and academic excellence. Students should complete the application form posted at <http://www.k-state.edu/english/programs/ugrad/>. Committee: Wood (njwood@ksu.edu), Faculty of the Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

Most Promising Student Award recognizes an English major early in the completion of the program. The award is made on the basis of faculty recommendations. No application is required. Committee: Wood, Faculty of the Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

Undergraduate Leadership and Service Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the life of the department. The award is made on the basis of faculty and student recommendations. No application is required. Committee: Wood, Faculty of the Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

Graduate Awards, Scholarships, & Fellowships

The Earle R. Davis Scholarship recognizes the outstanding graduate student scholar in the M.A. Program in English. Recipients of the scholarship must demonstrate overall academic merit and scholarly performance and potential. No application is required. Committee: Longmuir, Faculty of the Graduate Advisory Committee.

The Robert W. Conover Memorial Award is given to an outstanding first-year GTA. The winner is determined by academic performance. No application is required. Committee: Longmuir, Faculty of the Graduate Advisory Committee.

The Jerome Johanning Memorial Scholarship recipient will be an outstanding GTA in the Department of English. Selection criteria: academic performance and a packet of supporting material that includes teaching evaluations, a one-page self-evaluation of the applicant’s teaching, a syllabus for each course taught, and examples of materials used in class.

To be eligible for consideration for the Jerome Johanning Memorial Scholarship, an applicant must first be returning to K-State to continue work on his or her degree the fall following the award of the scholarship, and second, must be nominated by the
English Department. A list of eligible graduate teaching assistants will be distributed to all teaching members of the department who will be asked to nominate up to five individuals. Supporting materials will then be solicited from the five finalists. Committee: Longmuir, Marzluf, Faculty of the Graduate Advisory Committee.

The Graduate Student Critical Essay Award is given for the outstanding critical or scholarly essay by an English Department graduate student on a topic in literary studies. The essay should exhibit a high standard of research and analysis; any theoretical or methodological approach is welcome. Submissions should not exceed 20 pages in length. Committee: Matlock (wmatlock@ksu.edu), Faculty of the Literature Track.

The Anne P. Grindell Memorial Scholarship recognizes academic excellence as achieved by any student enrolled in the English Department’s M.A. program who also holds a valid State of Kansas Teaching Certificate. Previous winners are ineligible. No application required. Committee: Longmuir, Faculty of the Graduate Advisory Committee.

The Children’s Literature Graduate Essay Award is given for the outstanding critical or scholarly essay written by an English Department graduate student on a topic in children’s and/or adolescent literature and culture. The essay should exhibit a high standard of research and analysis; any theoretical or methodological approach is welcome. Submissions should not exceed 20 pages in length. Committee: Nel (philnel@ksu.edu), Faculty of the Children’s Literature Track.

The Seaton Fellowships for Graduate Students in Creative Writing are awarded to incoming graduate students for their first year of study in the K-State English Department’s creative writing program. This award perpetuates the memory of Mary Holten and Richard M. Seaton. The Seaton awards are based solely on the merit of the student’s creative writing sample. Each year at least one award is given to a Kansas resident or Kansas native. No application required. Committee: Brimhall, Faculty of the Creative Writing Committee.

The Graduate Creative Writing Awards are given for outstanding fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction written by M.A. students as part of their program of study at K-State. Award recipients are determined from manuscript submissions of up to twenty pages of fiction, non-fiction, and/or five pages of poetry. Students may enter in all genres. Previous first place award winners are ineligible in the same genre. First place award in each genre: $100; second place: $50. Winners in each genre are selected by an independent off-campus judge of national reputation. Committee: Brimhall (brimhall@ksu.edu), Faculty of the Creative Writing Committee.

The Esther Glenn Scholarship is awarded by the Director of Graduate Studies, with the advice and recommendation of the Graduate Advisory Committee, to an incoming, first-year M.A. student on the basis of academic excellence demonstrated by grade point average in undergraduate coursework, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, and critical writing sample. No application required. Committee: Longmuir, Faculty of the Graduate Advisory Committee.

Expository Writing Exemplary Teaching Award is awarded for outstanding teaching in the expository writing program. Two GTAs are selected each year by the Expository Writing Committee. Winners receive a prize of $200 each. No application required. Committee: Marzluf, Faculty of the Expository Writing Committee.

The Expository Writing Most Promising GTA Scholarship is awarded by the Director of Graduate Studies, with the advice and recommendation of the Graduate Advisory Committee, to outstanding incoming first-year M.A. students appointed as GTAs on the basis of general academic excellence and anticipated success as a GTA. No application required. Committee: Longmuir, Marzluf, Faculty of the Graduate Advisory Committee.

The Popkins Scholarships are awarded to those graduate students in English judged most meritorious among each academic year’s incoming M.A. students. Selections are made considering undergraduate performance, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, and appropriate writing samples. No application required. Committee: Longmuir, Faculty of the Graduate Advisory Committee.

The Peggy and Gary Edwards Scholarship is awarded by the Director of Graduate Studies, with the advice and recommendation of the Graduate Advisory Committee, to outstanding incoming, first-year M.A. students on the basis of general academic excellence. Students in all tracks are eligible for consideration. No application required. Committee: Longmuir, Faculty of the Graduate Advisory Committee.

The Department of English Annual Student Awards, Scholarships, and Fellowships 2020-2021

Each year, the Department of English grants awards, scholarships, and fellowships to its graduate teaching assistants (GTAs), to its graduate and undergraduate students, and to other K-State undergraduate students. This announcement briefly describes those awards, scholarships, and fellowships. Unless stated otherwise, award amounts may vary from year to year.

General Requirements
The deadline for submitting nominations or applications for each of the following awards, scholarships, and fellowships (except where noted) is:

5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2020

To be considered eligible for an award, scholarship, or fellowship, an entry must be submitted as an email attachment (Word or PDF) to the chair of the Award Committee by the above deadline.

In the body of your email, please include the following:
• Name of award, scholarship, or fellowship
• Name of nominee or applicant
• Nominee’s or applicant’s local address, K-State email address, Wildcat number, and local telephone number

Note: Some awards do not require application or submission.

Selection and Presentation
All award, scholarship, and fellowship winners must be selected by the various committees on or before April 17, 2020. Questions about individual awards, scholarships, or fellowships should be directed to the appropriate committee chair (chairs are noted in boldface type).

Names of the award, scholarship, and fellowship winners will be honored at the Department of English’s annual awards banquet on May 1, 2020.