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: Winniebell Zong and other graduate student editors of Touchstone; Janette, 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: Leader-Picone (cleader@ksu.edu), Faculty of the Cultural Studies Track.

The Cultural Studies Essay Award is given for the best undergraduate or graduate essay on literature or other arts (i.e. film, television, popular culture, or highbrow culture) treated in a way that includes the social, political, or economic concerns from the historical time of the work. Essays may be of any length up to 20 pages. Committee: Leader-Picone (cleader@ksu.edu), Faculty of the Cultural Studies Track.

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The Composition/Rhetoric Research Award is awarded for the best undergraduate or graduate scholarly paper in composition and rhetoric, including but not limited to the areas of professional-technical writing, writing center scholarship, writing pedagogy, literacy studies, and composition and rhetorical theory. Committee: Northway (northway@ksu.edu), Faculty of the Composition/Rhetoric Track.

The Lukens Scholarship is awarded to a sophomore, junior, or senior English major or graduate student in English and who, preferably, is also from Mitchell County, Kansas. No application is required. Committee: Wood, Faculty of the Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

The Writing Center Excellence Award is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student assistant who displays all-around excellence in Center work. For information about online nominations, see <http://www.k-state.edu/english/writingcenter>. Committee: Gray, Writing Center Senior Staff.

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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. Committee: Janette (mjanette@ksu.edu), 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: Janette (mjanette@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.

The Fountainhead Press 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, Marzluf, 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.

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 16, 2021. 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 announced on May 1, 2021.