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. Essays are nominated by expository writing instructors. First place award: $150; second place: $100. Committee: Knoblauch (abkyk@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: Ian Lutz (<iianlutz@ksu.edu>), Yu Sarmiento (<ysarmiento@ksu.edu>), and other graduate student editors of Touchstone.

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 awards is open to all undergraduate students at K-State. Committee: Sarmiento (tsarmiento@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, Tarner.

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 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), Carlson, Friedmann, Merrick.

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: Sarmiento, 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://tinyurl.com/englawardapply>. Committee: Sarmiento, 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 (spring of even years) to sophomores, 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 undergraduate English majors who display financial need and academic excellence. Students should complete the application form posted at <http://tinyurl.com/englawardapply>. Committee: Sarmiento, 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: Sarmiento, 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: Sarmiento, Faculty of the Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

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: Alexis (calexis@ksu.edu), Faculty of the Composition/Rhetoric Track.

The Gordon Parks Essay/Project Award is given for the best undergraduate or graduate submission that addresses the diversity of Kansas, past or present. Submissions must not exceed 20 pages or 15 minutes in length and can be in any format. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/kstategparkswa> to submit. Committee: Tatonetti, Faculty of the Diversity Committee.

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: Sarmiento, Faculty of the Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

The Writing Center Excellence Award is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student staff member 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.

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: Leader-Picone, 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: Leader-Picone, 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
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. No application required. Committee: Leader-Picone, Faculty of the Graduate Advisory Committee.

The 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: Knoblauch, 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: Brimhall, Faculty of the Expository Writing Committee.

The Popkinks Scholarships are awarded to those graduate students in English judged most meritorious among each academic year’s incoming M.A. students. No application required. Committee: Leader-Picone, 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: Leader-Picone, Faculty of the Graduate Advisory Committee.

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: 11:59 p.m. CT Friday, March 8, 2024.

Note: Some awards do not require application or submission. Unless otherwise noted, only one submission per award per student.

Selection and Presentation
All award, scholarship, and fellowship winners must be selected by the various committees on or before April 12, 2023. 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 by May 3, 2024.