Scholarships and Awards (2015)

Undergraduate or graduate students in the English department may apply to the following awards without faculty endorsement:

Psi Iota Award for Writing
For Undergraduate Students Only
Award: $500
Funded by the Ps Iota Xi Chapter, this award is designed to distinguish students who demonstrate exemplary writing. For consideration, submit your best short story. In addition to the monetary award, the winning piece may also be published in Confluence. Applicants should hold at least a 3.0 GPA in English courses to be eligible.

Sylvia E. Bowman Award
For Undergraduate Students Only
Award: $750
This award is designed to recognize students who demonstrate exemplary writing in literature or the teaching of literature. For consideration, submit your best essay on one of these two subjects. In addition to the monetary award, the winner’s name will be added to a plaque on display near the English department office.

Henry Kozicki Graduate Writing Award
For Graduate Students Only
Award: $750
This award is designed to distinguish students who demonstrate exemplary scholarly writing in literature, linguistics, rhetoric, or folklore. For consideration, submit your best essay in one of these fields. In addition to the monetary award, the winner’s name will be added to a plaque on display near the English department office.

The following scholarships and awards for undergraduate or graduate students require nominations from faculty to apply. Students must have a 3.0 GPA or higher to be considered. The deadline for nominations is March 16, 2015.

Amidon Service Award
For Undergraduate or Graduate Students
Award: $500
This award is designed to recognize students who demonstrate excellence in service to the university (such as work in the writing center, the library, student government, etc.) or to the community (such as work for the Urban League, the Jembe Ensemble, the Dance Collective, the Community Theatre, etc.). For consideration, nominees should submit a description of their service during the academic year and/or service projects completed during the academic year.
Beverly Hume Memorial Award
For Undergraduate or Graduate Students
Award: $1000
Reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, this award is designed to distinguish, in alternating years, students in the humanities whose research best reflects their strong engagement with the study of cultural, gender, or environmental issues. For consideration, nominees should submit their best writing sample demonstrating their proficiency in one or more of these issues.

The Department of English and Linguistics Award for Ethics in Linguistics
For Undergraduate or Graduate Students
Award: $1000
This award is designed to recognize students who demonstrate the potential for promoting nonviolence and understanding through linguistics. For consideration, nominees must have successfully completed at least one course in linguistics and/or the language study concentration above the introductory level. Faculty may nominate students or students may nominate themselves for this award. Submit the following:
- A statement of support from a faculty member.
- One piece of linguistic coursework, presentation (in any media), documentation study, course-related conference presentation, etc., demonstrating potential for promoting nonviolence and understanding.

Rainn McPhail Memorial Scholarship
For Undergraduate or Graduate Students
Award: $1000
This award is designed to distinguish students who demonstrate strong interdisciplinary or intradisciplinary excellence. For consideration, submit a significant project that demonstrates the above. Nominees must have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA to be eligible.

Georgiana Kryzminski Scholarship
For Undergraduates of Junior or Senior Standing (Preference will be given to female nominees.)
Award: $1000 for academic year
This award is designed to recognize the academic excellence of junior and senior English majors. For consideration, nominees should submit their best writing sample that demonstrates academic proficiency.

Hollander Scholarship
For Undergraduates of Junior or Senior Standing
Award: $750
This award is designed to distinguish junior and senior students who demonstrate exemplary professional writing. To be considered, nominees should submit a portfolio of their best professional writing which will be judged by a committee of English writing faculty.
Outstanding English Major Award
For Undergraduates of Junior or Senior Standing
Award: $750
This award is designed to distinguish English majors based on merits such as GPA, publications, research-oriented presentations, attendance at seminars, or other extra-curricular academic activities. In addition to the monetary award, the winner’s name will be added to a plaque on display near the English department office.

Arlene R. Standley Scholarship
For Students Enrolled as a Senior in Summer or Fall
Award: $750
This award is designed to distinguish senior students whose overall GPA is at least 3.0, whose GPA in the major is at least 3.5, and who has a record of extracurricular activity. For consideration, nominations should include a list of the nominee’s extracurricular activities.

Avon Chrismore English Award
For Undergraduate Returning Adults (Age 25+)
Award: $1000 for academic year
This award is designed to distinguish students who demonstrate excellence in the field of composition and rhetoric. For consideration, nominees should submit their best writing sample that shows proficiency in this field.

Rodney Farnsworth English Award
For Graduate Students Only
Award: $1000 for academic year
This award is designed to recognize students who demonstrate excellence in comparative literature studies devoted to the humanities, sciences, and mythology as well as queer or adaptive theory. For consideration, nominees should submit their best writing sample that demonstrates proficiency in one or more of these areas.

Please send all nominations and writing samples to the awards committee chair: Kate White whitek@ipfw.edu.