

# 2022 English Department Undergraduate Creative Writing Prizes

**DUE DATE for all student submissions: 5:00 pm Friday, March 25, 2022**

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## CREATIVE WRITING PRIZES

The Sylvan Karchmer Prize in Fiction, award \$250

The Howard Moss Prize in Poetry, award \$250

The Bryan Lawrence Prize in Fiction, award \$250

The Bryan Lawrence Prize in Poetry, award \$250

The Bryan Lawrence Prize in Nonfiction, award \$250

**Eligibility Requirements:** open to all English majors

### **Submission Requirements:**

Students can submit manuscripts in all three genres (fiction, poetry, and nonfiction), but no more than one submission per genre. Poetry submissions are eligible for both the Moss and Lawrence Prize in Poetry. Fiction submissions are eligible for both the Moss and Lawrence Prize in Fiction. No manuscript can win more than one prize. Students, however, can win in more than one genre.

- Fiction and nonfiction manuscripts must be double-spaced, using 12-point font.
- Fiction and nonfiction manuscripts should not exceed 20 double-spaced pages. Manuscripts may contain either a single story or essay or two shorter pieces.
- Poetry manuscripts may contain up to five poems.
- Include a cover page containing the student's name, student number, address, phone number, email address, and identification of prize genre. The student's name should appear only on the cover page. The last 4 digits of the student number should appear on all pages of the manuscript(s).

All awards will be acknowledged at the department's May Honors Day event.

# 2022 Jimmie Katherine Morris Gentile Scholarship in Literary Criticism \$1,000 Scholarship

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**Eligibility Requirements:** Undergraduate English majors who have completed at least 9 hours of upper division English courses (with a minimum of 6 upper division hours on this campus), have a 3.25 GPA in English, and will be enrolled for the upcoming academic year are eligible for this scholarship

**Application Requirements:**

- 1) A clean, unmarked copy of a critical essay (any length) submitted to complete requirements for an upper-division English course taken at UH.
- 2) A 500-word personal statement from the applicant explaining how the submitted essay reflects his/her interest in English studies.
- 3) A complete academic transcript.
- 4) A letter of recommendation submitted directly to the Director of Upper Division Studies from a member of the UH English Department faculty (ctolliver@uh.edu).

**Award Procedure:** The Gentile Scholarship applications are judged each spring by the Upper Division Studies Committee, which consists of the Director of Upper Division Studies and 4-6 faculty members appointed by the Chair of the Department. Each application is read and ranked holistically by each faculty member of the committee, using criteria such as strength of argument, originality, clarity of expression, and level of research; the academic record and supporting materials help the committee further assess submissions' academic excellence in the field of literary criticism. Ranking scores are compiled and the Committee meets to discuss each applicant and to determine the winners.

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# 2022 Robert and Jennifer Reichek Award Honoring Professor James Pipkin

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## **Eligibility Requirements:**

English Majors concentrating in Literary Studies who are currently enrolled or have completed ENGL 3301 and will be enrolled for the upcoming academic year are eligible for this scholarship.

## **Application Requirements:**

- 1) A letter of application that explains how her or his essay submission reflects an interest in and appreciation of literary studies, and how it demonstrates his or her approach to critical analysis.
- 2) A “clean copy” of an essay that has been submitted to an ENGL 3301 class for that academic year.
- 3) A letter of recommendation from the instructor.

## **Award Procedure:**

The scholarship committee, appointed by the Director of Upper Division Studies and the Department Chair and whenever possible in consultation with Professor Pipkin, will review the applications for outstanding work in literary studies, using criteria such as demonstrated excellence in critical analysis, clarity of thought and written expression, and promise of ongoing excellence in literary studies

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