

Judging Process:

The submissions will be read and judged by a panel of faculty members from the University of Houston. The winning entry will be determined based on the following rubric:

Originality, Organization, and Effectiveness of Ideas and Content: 35 points

- Ideas are relevant to the prompt and fully fleshed out
- Ideas are original, imaginative, and reflect critical thinking
- The organization is effective and relevant to the prompt
- The content is communicated creatively and is relevant to the prompt

Style and Voice: 25 points

- The style of writing is effective and includes descriptive details
- Writing reflects uniqueness and critical thinking
- Consistent use of chosen voice

Format, Eloquence, and Quality of Word Choice: 25 points

- Word choice is creative, conscious, appropriate for the chosen format, and relevant to the prompt
- Writing reads well and flows smoothly
- Writing is not flat, varied, and relevant to the prompt
- Word choice is appropriate and effective for the chosen format and style

Conventions: 15 points

- Correct grammar and spelling
- Correct use of punctuation
- Correct and formal presentation of writing