

The Ohio State University Department of English

2025 Creative Writing Awards

Awards for Undergraduate Students

THE JACOBSON SHORT STORY AWARD - 1st place \$700; 2nd place \$350; 3rd place \$175 for the best story by an undergraduate

THE GERTRUDE LUCILLE ROBINSON AWARD - 1st place \$900; 2nd place \$450; 3rd place \$225 for the best piece of creative writing (any genre) by an undergraduate

THE R.L. STINE AWARD - \$13,000 for the best piece of writing (any genre) by an Ohio State undergraduate English major

Awards for Graduate Students

THE TARA M. KROGER AWARD - \$1,000 for the best short story by a student in the MFA Program in Creative Writing

THE VANDEWATER POETRY AWARD - 1st place \$1,000; 2nd place \$500 for the best poem or group of no more than three poems by a graduate student

THE HELEN EARNHART HARLEY CREATIVE WRITING FELLOWSHIP AWARD IN FICTION - \$600 for the best body of fiction (a story, multiple stories, or an excerpt of a book-length work -- totaling no more than 40 pages) by a 2nd year student in the MFA Program in Creative Writing

THE HELEN EARNHART HARLEY CREATIVE WRITING FELLOWSHIP AWARD IN NON-FICTION - \$600 for the best body of non-fiction (an essay, multiple essays, or an excerpt of a book-length work -- totaling no more than 40 pages) by a 2nd year student in the MFA Program in Creative Writing

THE HELEN EARNHART HARLEY CREATIVE WRITING FELLOWSHIP AWARD IN POETRY - \$600 for the best body of poetry (of no more than 20 pages) by a 2nd year student in the MFA Program in Creative Writing

Awards for Undergraduate & Graduate Students

THE ACADEMY OF AMERICAN POETS AWARD (THE ARTHUR RENSE PRIZE) - \$100 for the best poem or group of no more than three poems

THE CITINO POETRY AWARD - 1st place \$1,000 & 2nd place \$500 for the best group of poems by undergraduate Ohio State English majors and graduate students in the MFA Program in Creative Writing

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Guidelines

DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME on the pages of your entry. Your name shouldn't appear anywhere on your submission

If entering a contest for which multiple poems or stories are being considered together (i.e., up to 10 poems, a collection of stories, a body of work, etc.), please upload all pieces together in one attachment. In other words, do not attach 10 separate files for 10 separate poems that are being submitted to the same contest.

Title your submission the title of the piece itself. An example would be (Ballroom.doc).

NO PIECE MAY BE ENTERED IN MORE THAN ONE CONTEST. This also applies to the R.L. Stine Award. The same piece submitted to a creative writing award cannot be submitted to the R.L. Stine Award, and vice versa. ONLY ONE SUBMISSION PER PERSON PER CONTEST IS PERMITTED. YOU MAY ENTER AS MANY CONTESTS AS YOU LIKE, AS LONG AS YOU SUBMIT DIFFERENT WORK FOR EACH.

DEADLINE:

All entries must be submitted via the above links by **11:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 16, 2025**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

NOTE: Graduate students enrolled in undergraduate classes are not eligible for any undergraduate prizes but are eligible for prizes available to both graduate and undergraduate students. These contests are open only to Ohio State students enrolled in a degree-granting program. The winners will be announced with other department awards in spring/summer 2025.

Questions? Please contact the Creative Writing Program at cwmfa@osu.edu.