

Brooklyn College English Department

Awards and Scholarships Pamphlet

Each spring, the English Department awards undergraduate and graduate Awards and Scholarships, funded through gifts to the Brooklyn College Foundation and the Brooklyn College Office of Scholarships and Awards, in recognition of your significant achievement in all areas of English studies. Additional special merit and annual Chair's List honors also recognize both achievement and student service to the department. The awards process culminates each spring in the English Majors' Tea, where we come together as a department to celebrate our majors, our staff, and our award contestants and winners, and to honor the generosity of the many alumnae and faculty donors who have made the awards possible, ensuring continuity and fostering community among generations of students at Brooklyn College.

Our awards are made according to two distinct selection processes: Scholarships are awards granted through a process of faculty nomination and review, while Awards are determined by a series of juried contests, for which students either submit work under specific submission guidelines, or sit for proctored, essay-writing contests. In order to help you evaluate which Awards you are eligible or best suited to apply for, we have put together this list of prizes, as well as the submission guidelines and deadlines for each award or contest. We encourage you to read through this pamphlet (and to encourage your friends and classmates to do the same), and begin to review your own past and current work – essays, poems, stories, plays, news articles – for submission. Your participation in the awards is essential to our scholarships and awards program. You are the whole point, and we couldn't do it without you!

The DEADLINE for submission to all 2018-2019 CONTEST AWARDS that require student submissions will be **FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019 (unless otherwise noted below)**. The ESSAY-WRITING CONTESTS will be held in March 2019; PLEASE NOTE that all students who expect to enter these contests should register for them in the English Department Office at least one week before the contest date.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS (submission deadline Friday, March 1, 2019, unless otherwise noted); see guidelines. Entries must be submitted under pen names. Pen name and the name of the contest should be written on the manuscripts and also on identification forms, which may be secured in the English Department.

The Bernard Grebanier Award for a sonnet written to the Italian (Petrarchan) or English (Shakespearean) pattern.

The Dorothy B. Jervis Award for Science Writing (awarded to undergraduate students who have submitted the best essay on a scientific subject written in language accessible to the lay reader).

The Othillie Grebanier Award (annual drama award to the undergraduate who writes the best play submitted in a contest conducted by the English Department).

The Sam Castan Memorial Award (awarded to a graduating senior for excellence in journalism as demonstrated by his/her writing for campus publications).

Brooklyn College Journalism Program Award for Feature Writing (awarded for excellence in feature writing; contact English Department for details).

Brooklyn College Journalism Program Award for In-Depth Reporting (awarded for excellence in in-depth reporting; contact English Department for details).

The Carole and Irwin Lainoff Prize (given to a second-year fiction student in the MFA program. To be considered for the prize, students must submit a short story or chapter from a novel, not more than 25 pages in length. The winner is chosen by a prominent writer, critic, or editor who is not affiliated with Brooklyn College).

The Randolph Goodman Shakespeare Essay Award (for an excellent undergraduate essay on any aspect of Shakespeare's writings).

The Corinne Steel Prize for the Outstanding Senior Thesis in English Honors (a prize for a thesis written in English 5103 or English 5105; **NOTE: DEADLINE FOR THIS PRIZE IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019**). FACULTY THESIS ADVISORS: PLEASE EMAIL YOUR STUDENT SUBMISSIONS TO ksteel@brooklyn.cuny.edu ON OR BEFORE 4/17/19).

The Himan Brown Creative Writing Awards to students who have demonstrated exemplary academic scholarship in creative writing. Recipients will be MFA candidates with a GPA of 3.0 or better after a fall semester competition. The award is given in fiction, poetry, and playwriting.

Louis B. Goodman Creative Writing Scholarship, to an undergraduate or graduate student of any major evidencing creative writing talent, and whose work is "woman-centered"; preference given to female and minority students. Seniors and graduating graduate students are not eligible. **To qualify, a student must be nominated by a faculty member and submit a brief letter from the faculty member** along with typewritten manuscripts from 10 to 25 pages in length. A substantial poem or group of poems can also be submitted.

The Bertha and Philip Goodman Short Story Award (to the three undergraduate students who write the best short stories in a contest conducted by the English Department).

Goodman Short Story Award (awarded for stories submitted to a contest conducted by the English Department).

The Katherine Rose Phillips Memorial Award for Fiction (to a work of unconventional or genre-bending fiction).

Brooklyn College Journalism Program Award for Reporting on Breaking News (For the best reporting and writing on deadline. Students can submit from 1 to 5 published breaking news stories. They can appear either in campus-based publications such as student newspapers and the Brooklyn News Service website or in off-campus publications.)

Herb Berman Memorial Scholarship (Recipients shall be two students who have demonstrated either 1) a commitment to community service; and or 2) an affinity for creative humor writing, as demonstrated by 1 - 10 pages a paper of original creative writing. The award goal will alternate each year; in 2019, it is for a commitment to community service. The students must be in good academic standing.)

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ESSAY-WRITING CONTESTS:

The English Award in Poetry Exegesis for the best explication of a selected poem in a contest conducted by the English Department. (Students competing for this award will meet to write an essay or essays on assigned topics. **Wednesday, March 27, 2019, Barker Room [2315 Boylan], 1:30 – 3:30 pm**). Registration deadline: ONE WEEK PRECEDING CONTEST in the English Department, 2308 Boylan.

The Dean Myrtle Saxe Jacobson Award in Expository Prose (to a student enrolled in English 1010 or 1012 who writes the best expository prose essay in a contest conducted by the English Department; **Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 12:30-2:00 pm, Barker Room**). Registration deadline: Monday, March 18, 2019, in the English Department, 2308 Boylan.

OTHER AWARDS:

The Academy of American Poets College and University Poetry Prize (an annual prize offered at 170 colleges and universities nationwide. Winner/honorable mentions selected on the basis of a submitted portfolio of no more than five poems. **DEADLINE: Monday, March 25, 2019**).

The Vanguard Prize in journalism is given to a Brooklyn College student for work in campus media that demonstrates a commitment to First Amendment rights. It carries an award of \$1,000. The deadline for submission is **Friday, March 29, 2019**. Application forms and further information are available in the offices of the Journalism Program (English) and Broadcast Journalism Program (TV-Radio).

The Karel Rose Scholarship (to an Education, English, or Women's Studies major with a GPA of 3.0, demonstrated financial need based on the FAFSA, and who has completed the sophomore year at BC and plans to graduate from BC; funding for junior and senior years; **applications and details available in 2111 James Hall**; must include application form, two letters of recommendation, and a two-page essay on the topic, "How will this scholarship serve to foster my educational goals and my commitments to a more just and peaceful world"; **DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 10, 2019**)