

The Department of English

Humanities Division

Dr. Michael McMahan Writing Award

The Department of English is happy to announce Dr. Michael McMahan Writing Award for currently enrolled COC students. The purpose of this Writing Award is to promote academic writing and writing-in-the-discipline. It is part of the Humanities Division's efforts to raise awareness about the importance of language, writing, and critical thinking.

Students need to be recommended by a professor in order to submit writing for the award. Please see instructions for submission guidelines and the timeline listed below.

Five Categories: \$200-\$50, in the form of Barnes and Noble Gift Cards:

Students are encouraged to submit writings done for a COC class this semester for one of the following categories. Please submit to only one category.

- **Category 1 (\$200): All Disciplines, Except for English:** An essay with a minimum of 1,250 words. It can be in either MLA or APA style.
- **Category 2 (\$200): English Classes 101 and Above:** A research essay with a minimum of 1,500 words.
- **Category 3 (\$200): Literary Analysis Essay:** A literary analysis essay, critically examining one or multiple literary works, with or without research, with a minimum of 1,250 words.
- **Category 4 (\$200): Creative Writing:** For poetry, maximum of 3 poems per student; Fiction, maximum of 2,500 words; Play, maximum of 10 typed pages, double-spaced; and Creative Non-Fiction, maximum of 2,500 words.
- **Category 5 (\$200): Pre-Transfer Level Classes:** Three sub-categories
 - ENGL091 and 094: \$100
 - ENGL071 and 081: \$50
 - ESL classes: \$50

Criteria and Submission Instructions:

- Only currently enrolled COC students can submit work for competition.
- Writing submitted must be work done for a COC class.
- Students must be recommended by a professor in order to submit the work.
- A professor can recommend **one student for each of the classes he/she teaches.**

- Only electronic submissions are accepted. Students agree to submit the writing, **as an attachment in Word document**, by emailing it to cocwritingawards@gmail.com. By submitting work to compete for a writing award, students agree to allow the English Department to post the award winning pieces on the English Department's website, for promotional and educational purposes.
- In the message sent to cocwritingawards@gmail.com, ***students need to indicate the professor's name and the class*** for which the essay is written.
- The Writing Award Committee is composed of 5- 7 English Faculty members who will review the submissions.

Timeline:

- Submissions need be emailed, as an attachment in Word, to cocwritingawards@gmail.com on or before **Monday, November 28, 2011**.
- **The announcement of winners will be made before December 5th**, via email to COC-all and the winners. There will be an **Award Ceremony at 3:30-4:30 pm, on December 7th**, where the awards, in the form of Barnes and Noble gift cards, will be given and the winners will read part of their writing to the audience. *The winners are welcome to invite guests to help us honor their achievements.*

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