

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
ESSAY CONTESTS SPRING 2025**

The Emory English Department will award a \$500 prize each for excellent undergraduate and graduate essays written in department courses. The winning students will be invited to read from their work at the Awards Night.

***Please make your essay anonymous for the awards committee. You should submit it with a cover sheet indicating your name, the course the essay was written for, the professor who taught the course, and the semester the course was taught. Please also include this info in the form below.***

**TO APPLY**, Upload your submission using the [Best Undergraduate Essay Submission Form \(Spring 2025\)](#). Please note in order to upload file(s), one must sign in using a Gmail account.

If you have any inquiries or trouble submitting the [form](#), please email Khristin Isley, Undergraduate Program Coordinator in the English Department, at [Khristin.isley@emory.edu](mailto:Khristin.isley@emory.edu).

Please contact the Graduate Program Coordinator, Shakia Guest-Holloway at [siguest@emory.edu](mailto:siguest@emory.edu), for graduate essay submissions

DEADLINE: The deadline for applications is Wednesday., March 19, 2025 at 11:59 pm.

**GUIDELINES FOR ESSAY CONTEST**

\* \* \* Essays must have been written for an undergraduate or graduate English course during the semester in which the contest is being held or during one of the three previous terms.(Spring and Summer of previous academic year, or Fall of current academic year).

\* \* \* A student may submit only one essay and enter only one contest. The undergraduate contest is open to any undergraduate student; the graduate contest is open only to English Department graduate students or undergraduate English majors enrolled in a graduate English course.

\* \* \* The length should be limited to twenty-five pages for undergraduate papers and thirty-five pages for graduate papers.

\* \* \* Honors essays, master's theses, or other longer papers, which represent a more ambitious and longer-range effort than a typical course or seminar paper, are not eligible for submission.

\* \* \* All essays should be submitted in clear copy with no marginal comments.

\* \* \* Footnotes should follow the MLA documentation guidelines.

\* \* \* Former winners in the essay contest are not eligible (except in cases where a student won as an undergraduate and has now become a graduate student).