Announcing the 25th Annual
English Department General Education Writing Awards
2018

First Place $300
Second Place $200
Third Place $100

Winners will be recognized at the Celebration of Student Writing in April 2018.

Categories: 1. Expository projects written in 1009 or 1010.
2. Researched projects written in 1020.
3. Literary analysis projects written in 2020 or 2030.

Students may submit only one project in each category. A student will not win more than one award. Collaborative works may be submitted but any award money must be split among all the writers. Up to three prizes may be given in each category.

Judging Criteria:

Category 1
Expository projects should meet the following criteria:
1. Show originality in choice of topic and development.
2. Use a distinctive voice that conveys a sophisticated or personal style.
3. Present a clear thesis or controlling idea.
4. Be effectively organized.
5. Be grammatically and mechanically clean.
6. Use diction appropriate to its audience and purpose.
7. Document source use according to genre conventions.

Category 2
Researched projects should meet the following criteria:
1. Show originality in choice of topic and development.
2. Use a distinctive voice that conveys a sophisticated or personal style.
3. Present a clear thesis that supports a debatable position.
4. Effectively integrate varied and appropriate source material.
5. Be effectively organized.
6. Use diction appropriate to its audience and purpose.
7. Be grammatically and mechanically clean.
8. Conform to appropriate documentation conventions.

Category 3
Literary Analysis projects should meet the following criteria:
1. Show originality in choice of topic and development.
2. Present a clear thesis.
3. Use a distinctive voice that conveys a sophisticated or personal style.
4. Effectively integrate primary source material.
5. Offer an effective and logical organization.
6. Use diction appropriate to its audience and purpose.
7. Be grammatically and mechanically clean.
8. Conform to MLA documentation conventions in ways appropriate for the chosen genre.
Deadlines for Submission:

Students enrolled in English 1009, 1010, 1020, 2020 or 2030 during the spring semester 2017 must submit their projects by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2017.**

Students enrolled in English 1009, 1010, 1020, 2020 or 2030 during the summer semester 2017 must submit their projects by **4:00 p.m. one week after final exams.**

Students enrolled in English 1009, 1010, 1020, 2020 or 2030 during the fall semester 2017 must submit their projects by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2017.**

Submission Guidelines:

1. Only students enrolled in English 1009, 1010, 1020, 2020 and 2030 during the 2017 calendar year may submit compositions.

2. The project must be nominated by the faculty member of the MTSU English Department for whom the project was written.

3. Students are strongly urged to confer with their instructors when revising/editing their work.

5. Neither the student's nor the instructor’s name should appear in the submission itself.

6. **Your student M# should appear either: in the upper left corner of the first page (if submitting an essay) or on the jewel case/flash drive containing your project. If providing a digital work, include a list of steps with the cover sheet so reviewers will know how to access your project.**

7. A cover sheet, signed by the student and the student's instructor, must accompany the submission. Cover sheets and submission guidelines are available in the General Education English Office, Peck Hall 324.

8. Submit **one** copy of the essay with one cover sheet to the General Education English office, Peck Hall 324. The writer should carefully edit the essay or project prior to submission. If a multimodal composition is submitted, a digital copy of the writing project must be submitted.

9. Submit **one** copy of the assignment sheet.

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