2019 Creative Writing Awards

We are now taking submissions for the Creative Writing Awards ONLINE!

Submission Requirements

1) Click this link: Creative Writing Awards Form (https://goo.gl/forms/yppOzG256GByOLTf1)
2) Sign in with your WIU email and fill out contact information for your submissions
3) Follow the requirements for each award when uploading your attachments
4) Submit the electronic form by 4pm on Friday, March 29, 2019

Lois C. Bruner Creative Nonfiction Award

All Western Illinois University undergraduates, regardless of major, are welcome to submit their nonfiction writing to the Lois C. Bruner Creative Nonfiction contest. Creative nonfiction can include essays about life experiences—though these may fit into any of the following categories: travelogue, memoir, biography, autobiography, nature writing, or cultural critique. Both voice and style will be weighed heavily in the judging.

1) You may submit ONE essay of up to 5,000 words
2) Typed, double-spaced, word document format only
3) Attachment upload should be saved as: [YourTitle]-Nonfiction-2019
4) Don't have your name in your submission document
5) Work must be your own!

Cordell Larner Award in Fiction

All Western Illinois University undergraduates, regardless of major, are welcome to submit their fiction to the Cordell Larner Award in Fiction contest. Fiction can include stories about anything and everything you desire.

1) You may submit ONE fiction piece of up to 5,000 words
2) Typed, double-spaced, word document format only
3) Attachment upload should be saved as: [YourTitle]-Fiction-2019
4) Don't have your name in your submission document
5) Work must be your own!

Cordell Larner Award in Poetry

All Western Illinois University undergraduates, regardless of major, are welcome to submit their poetry to the Cordell Larner Award in Poetry contest. Poetry can include poems in any form/style.

1) You may submit up to 3 poems
2) Typed, single spaced, word document format only
3) Attachment upload should be saved as: [YourTitle]-Poetry-2019
4) Don't have your name in your submission document
5) Work must be your own!

*Side Notes*

1) You can submit entries for EACH award (several cash prizes and awards will be honored)
2) The final judges for the contests will be professional writers
3) All entrants and their friends/family are invited to participate in the English awards ceremony (April 25, 2019 at 6pm in the University Union Lamoine Room) to receive their cash prize(s) and award(s). Winning authors will be notified prior to this event
4) Winners will automatically be published in Elements (the magazine of creative work that WIU’s Department of English has been producing for over 50 years)