



Delta Epsilon Sigma

UNDERGRADUATE WRITING COMPETITION GUIDELINE

Delta Epsilon Sigma sponsors an annual writing contest open to any undergraduate (member or non-member) in an institution which has a chapter of the society. Manuscripts may be submitted in any of four categories: poetry, short fiction, nonfiction prose and scholarly research. The winner in each of the four categories will receive a \$500 prize. A second prize of \$250 is also sometimes awarded.

The first phase of the competition is to be conducted by local chapters, each of which is encouraged to sponsor its own contest. Editorial comment and advice by a faculty mentor is appropriate as an aid preparatory to student revision, so long as all writing is done by the student. A chapter may forward to the national competition, only one entry in each category.

Prose manuscripts should be typed, double-spaced 1,500-5,000 words in length. A long poem should be submitted singly; shorter lyrics may be submitted singly or in groups of two or three. Moderators should send an email with the entries attached in a Word document to: DESNational@stthomas.edu by December 1. **Only entries submitted via email from the chapter advisor will be accepted.**

Final judging and the announcement of the result will take place not later than May 1 of the following year. Winners will be notified through the office of the local chapter moderator.

Cover Sheet Guidelines:

All manuscript entries must be accompanied by a cover sheet with title and category. Do not include author's name or institution on cover sheet instead include that information in the email letter submission to: DESNational@stthomas.edu.

Sample Cover Sheet:

"THE IMPECCABLE MS. BRENNER"

List one of the following category types:

1. Poetry
2. Short fiction
3. Nonfiction prose
4. Scholarly research

Scholarly Research Submissions Guidelines

Research essays should be done according to accepted guidelines within the discipline with appropriate citation method (APA, MLA or other relevant form). Research should be primary and incorporate original results, observations and insight. In other words, the competition seeks original critical conclusions beyond summary of already published research.

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