
The 2021 Senior Writing Award

\$300 first place prize

Open to any student, in any major, who graduated in December 2020 or is graduating in May 2021. Professional writers from outside the College of Saint Rose community will judge all entries.

The prize will be given at Honors Convocation. Deadline for submissions is March 12, 2021 at noon.

Guidelines are on other side of this flyer. For more information on submission rules, visit the English Department website (www.strose.edu/English), the English blog (www.stroseenglish.wordpress.com), or contact Dr. Rone Shavers (shaversr@strose.edu).

THE COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE SENIOR WRITING AWARD

Rules for Entries

Students of **any major** who graduated in December 2020 or are graduating in May 2021 are eligible for the award. Submit a portfolio of your work consisting of the following: **Three separate pieces of writing**, in at least two different genres, altogether totaling a minimum of ten pages--maximum of twenty-five pages. Each portfolio should contain at least two different writing genres (for example, 1 formal academic paper and 2 short stories; 2 essays and 1 play script; 2 sets of poems and 1 short story; or an essay, a story and a set of poems). Poetry submissions must have a minimum of 2 poems and maximum of 5 poems as one set.

Submissions must be anonymous. No name should appear on any page of the submissions. Instead, type your name, address, telephone number, Student ID number, and email address in the body of an email. Then attach your submissions to the email as either MS Word or PDF files only. Students can submit only one writing portfolio. Your portfolio counts as your contest entry. A copy of each student's entry will be sent to each of the three judges.

Work completed as a course assignment is appropriate, but it must be retyped so that the instructor's comments do not appear on the pages. **Any work that has been published should not be submitted.**

Judges are professional writers from outside the Saint Rose community. Judges use a numerical tally, awarding up to 25 points to each of the three pieces submitted by each student. Judges will be guided by the following criteria:

Appropriateness of form and mastery of the conventions of the genre

Maturity of diction, syntax, tone, and style

Quality of the piece as compared to publications in the genre

Note: Pieces containing errors in syntax, spelling, punctuation, grammar, typing, or other elements of correct, standard English will be disqualified. Proofread carefully!

Due Date: Submissions must be emailed to the English Department Graduate Assistant at the following address: clarkem926@strose.edu, by **12:00 noon, Friday, March 12, 2021**. No late entries will be accepted. The Writing Award will be given at the Honors Convocation. **The award is \$300.00.** The winner will be notified in advance.

Questions should be directed to Dr. Rone Shavers, at shaversr@strose.edu.

A copy of the previous year's winning entry is available for review on request.
