**English Department**

**2024 Student Awards**

Each year at the Arts & Sciences Honors Convocation, the English Department recognizes the achievements of students by naming the recipients of its endowed awards. All materials, including nomination forms and writing samples (where applicable) must be submitted by **Tuesday February 6**. Please submit your materials to Prof. Amy Letter via email at amy.letter@drake.edu. While a student may be nominated for more than one award, a student may only receive only one department award in a given year.

**The Outstanding Senior Award ($100)**

Granted to a senior major (May, August, or December) on the basis of academic record and related accomplishments (e.g., writing workshop tutor, contributions to literary magazine, university and/or community service). **Students should submit a writing sample**. This award was established by the English Department. **Students may be nominated by faculty, by other students, or by themselves.**

**Shreck Oratory Outstanding Senior in Rhetoric ($100)**

The Mary Carpenter Shreck Senior Rhetoric Award is granted to the outstanding senior within the Rhetoric, Media, and Social Change major or Rhetoric and Media Studies major, on the basis of academic record, service, and leadership. This award was made possible by John A. Shreck through the Mary Carpenter Shreck Memorial Oratory Endowment.

**The Thomas Dunn English Scholarship Award (Amount varies depending on the market)**

Granted to a junior English, Writing, or Rhetoric major on the basis of demonstrated promise of a superior record of achievement. This award was established by former students of Professor Thomas Dunn, a longtime English faculty member, to recognize his years of service as a teacher and scholar.  The scholarship will be applied by the Student Financial Planning office in the final year of the recipient’s undergraduate program, upon recommendation from the English Department. The award is **not** in addition to any financial aid the student may be receiving. Nominations only by faculty.

**Thomas Dunn Memorial Scholarship for International Seminars (Up to $1,000 – Amount varies depending on market)**

The Thomas Dunn Memorial Scholarship is a merit award o up to $1000 granted to an English, Writing, or Rhetoric Major with Junior Or Senior standing enrolled in a J-term 2025 travel seminar or another 2024-2025 study abroad experience, and will offset a portion of the required costs of taking part in it. (The J-term or study abroad seminar does not have to be run by the English department.) The recipient(s) of this award will demonstrate an understanding of the ways that the study of English connects to one’s ability to positively contribute to society in their application.

**\*Applicants for the scholarship must:**

* have achieved at least junior standing by the end of Fall Semester 2024
* be and English, Writing, or Rhetoric Major
* have a 3.0 GPA minimum

**\*Applicants should submit the following to Prof. Amy Letter by October 1:**

* A 500-word essay that addresses this question: “How will my study of English allow me to contribute to society?”
* The name of a professor in the English department who will support your application.

**The Ethel R. Taylor Scholarship (Amount varies depending on the market)**

Granted to a sophomore or junior English or Secondary Education/English major with an interest in a career in teaching or creative writing, open to full-time students with a 3.0 GPA or better. **Submission of writing sample (poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction) or statement of career plans required.** The scholarship will be applied by the Student Financial Planning office, upon recommendation from the English Department, toward the recipient's tuition & fees. The award is **not** an addition to aid the student may already be receiving. This award is funded by a bequest from Ethel R. Taylor. Faculty nomination only.

**The Beth W. Peterson Award** (Amount varies depending on the market) Granted to a student of writing, open to majors and non-majors, first-year through seniors. Writing sample required. This award was established by Webster T. Peterson, a Drake alumnus, in memory of Beth Walters Peterson. Awarded each year, alternating between English and Journalism. English awards in “even” years. The award is **not** an addition to aid the student may already be receiving. Faculty nomination only.

***Nomination form attached.  Also available at the English Table near the***

***Howard Hall office (325)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*DEADLINE February 9, 2024\*\*\*\*\*\****

**English Department - Student Award Nomination 2024**

*Name of Nominee* *or applicant*  *Date*

Name of Award:

*Name of Nominator*

With reference to the nominee’s course work, activities, or other relevant accomplishments, please explain how the nominee merits reception of this award (see award descriptions for criteria):

**PLEASE DO NOT USE MORE THAN THE SPACE PROVIDED.**

Nominee’s plans (if the recipient will be leaving Drake at the end of this term; this is announced at the Convocation and is not relevant to the decision):

**PLEASE DO NOT USE MORE THAN THE SPACE PROVIDED. DO NOT USE ATTACHMENTS.**

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If nominator is a student, please include the names of at least two faculty members who will support this nomination. Students are advised to ask faculty for permission to reference their names:

Eligibility (if relevant to the award): GPA Class (Fr, So, Ju, Sr)

**IMPORTANT: Students should attach a sample of their writing appropriate to the award (selection of creative writing, short critical paper, statement of career plans, etc.)**

Signature of nominator or applicant:

**Questions should be sent to** amy.letter@drake.edu

**Submit your completed form to Prof. Amy Letter at** [amy.letter@drake.edu](mailto:amy.letter@drake.edu) **by Tuesday February 9, 2024.**