

2017 Creative Writing Awards (English Department)

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. You may submit ONE essay of up to 5,000 words. Work must be your own! Several cash prizes and honorable mentions will be awarded.

Cordell Larner Award in Fiction and Poetry

All Western Illinois University undergraduates, regardless of major, are welcome to submit their fiction and poetry to the Cordell Larner Award in Fiction and Poetry contest. Work must be your own! Fiction can include stories about anything and everything you desire. You may submit ONE short story of up to 5,000 words. Poetry can include poems in any form/style. You may submit up to 3 poems. You can submit BOTH a fiction piece and 3 poems. The two genres (fiction and poetry) will be judged separately and awarded cash prizes separately.

Submission Requirements: