

# Excellence in Creative Writing Scholarship Application

## Department of English

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The Excellence in Creative Writing Scholarship is awarded annually (when funding is available) by the Department of English at Ball State University in recognition of artistic excellence in creative writing in poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction and/or screenwriting by an undergraduate English Major or English Minor/Dual Minor at Ball State. Because the criterion for award is artistic excellence, no scholarship will be awarded in any year in which the panel determines that no entry exhibits sufficiently high artistic quality to merit an award.

Students are invited to apply in no more than two genres per application cycle (e.g., a student could apply in fiction and poetry in the same year, but not fiction, poetry, and screenwriting); past winners who have been awarded this scholarship are not eligible to apply in the same genre, but may apply in any genre for which they have not already won a scholarship. All judging of creative work is done anonymously by a committee comprised of BSU creative writing faculty.

To be eligible to receive this scholarship, an individual must be enrolled at least part-time as an undergraduate at Ball State during the semester in which the application is made and during the following Fall or Spring semester. An individual who has been awarded this scholarship is eligible to receive it again. All creative writing entered remains the property of their authors, but entry manuscripts are not returned.

**Please complete and submit application with all required materials via email to [english@bsu.edu](mailto:english@bsu.edu) by the deadline linked above. Please contact the English Department Programs Office at 765-285-8415 with any questions.**

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**Manuscript Submission Guidelines for Poetry:**

Attach *one MS Word document* of a manuscript of three original poems written by the applicant. Manuscripts that do not adhere to the following guidelines will be disqualified:

- a. All poems must be single-spaced and in a 12-point standard font (i.e., Times New Roman, Helvetica, etc.) with no more than one poem on a page.
- b. No page may include the name of the author or any other identifying mark.
- c. Titles (or first line if untitled) of the three original poems submitted in the manuscript must be listed below:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you currently hold another English Department scholarship?**

Yes

No

**If so, which one?**

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**Manuscript Submission Guidelines for Fiction:**

Attach *one MS Word document* of a short story/novel excerpt of up to ten pages or a manuscript of three pieces of flash fiction of up to 500 words each written by the applicant. Manuscripts that do not adhere to the following guidelines will be disqualified:

- a. All stories/excerpts must be double-spaced and in a 12-point standard font (i.e., Times New Roman, Helvetica, etc.). Flash submissions can be single spaced.
- b. No page may include the name of the author or any other identifying mark.
- c. The title/titles of the story, excerpted work, or the three pieces of flash fiction submitted in the manuscript must be listed below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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**Manuscript Submission Guidelines for Creative Nonfiction:**

Attach *one MS Word document* of an essay/work of creative nonfiction of up to ten pages, or a manuscript of three pieces of flash creative nonfiction of up to 500 words each written by the applicant. Manuscripts that do not adhere to the following guidelines will be disqualified:

- a. All stories/excerpts must be double-spaced and in a 12-point standard font (i.e., Times New Roman, Helvetica, etc.). Flash submissions may be single spaced.
- b. No page may include the name of the author or any other identifying mark.
- c. The title/titles of the essay/work, or the three pieces of flash creative nonfiction submitted in the manuscript must be listed below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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**Manuscript Submission Guidelines for Screenplays:**

Attach *one PDF* of a short screenplay/screenplay excerpt of up to ten pages (title page not included) written by the applicant. Manuscripts that do not adhere to the following guidelines will be disqualified:

- a. Scripts/script excerpts must be typed in standard screenplay format/style and in 12-point Courier font
- b. No page may include the name of the author or any other identifying mark.
- c. The script/excerpt's title shall be included on its own title page (which will not be included in the overall page count) and listed below:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_

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