

PENN STATE ERIE
FIRST YEAR WRITING AWARDS
2004

Nomination Form

Purpose

These awards recognize first-year students who have demonstrated excellence in their ability to express their ideas with clarity and style. The purpose of the awards is to highlight the importance of writing in students' undergraduate careers, increase their awareness of the importance of writing across disciplines, and encourage them to think about writing as more than an academic exercise—as a real asset in their personal and professional lives. Two awards are made each year.

Evaluation Criteria

Essays will be judged on the basis of the originality and sophistication of their arguments, their overall development, including idea development, use of examples, support from the text, and transitions. They will also be evaluated for style—complexity and clarity of sentence structure, word choice, and tone. The essay's faithfulness to the assignment will also be considered. Essays should be free of grammar and punctuation errors.

Student Eligibility

A student must have been enrolled in English 004, 015 or 030 during Spring or Fall semester, 2003, and must be an enrolled student of the College at the time of nomination.

Nomination Process

An essay can only be nominated by the faculty member teaching the course for which the essay was written. Faculty are limited to one nomination per course section of English 004, 015, or 030.

The nomination form must include a copy of the essay, the assignment and a brief statement by the nominator re: why the essay was selected for submission.

Name of Nominator _____
(please print)

Signature of Nominator _____

I nominate _____
(Name of Student)

Signature of Nominee _____

**Submit nominations to the Learning Resource Center (203 Lilley Library)
by January 30, 2004.**