

GRAHAM R. LEWIS MEMORIAL POETRY AWARD

Purpose: To honor the memory of Graham R. Lewis. Graham was a first-year writing professor at Eastern Illinois University. He also received his bachelor's degree in English from EIU. He wrote both fiction and poetry, for which he received numerous awards.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARD

Any recipient must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student, accepted to Eastern Illinois University and be in good academic standing. Nominees will perform their work at the "Graham Slam" (public performance, poetry slam setting) and award recipients will be chosen at the slam. The works are to be reviewed by selection committee in advance. The performances at Graham Slam shall be judged by both audience response and the committee.

First place - \$3,360.00, Second place - \$1,680.00, Third place - \$840.00, Fourth Place - \$420.00, Fifth Place - \$210.00, Sixth Place - \$105.00. Seventh Place - \$52.50, Eighth Place - \$26.25, Ninth Place - \$13.13. Special consideration shall be given to the awarding of the Ninth Place prize, as the number thirteen (doubly represented here by the Ninth Place award), held special significance to Graham Lewis.

Except in the case of students who are graduating, the award(s) shall be paid during the following Fall Semester and made payable to Eastern Illinois University to be first applied against costs (tuition, fees, housing, etc.) associated with the recipient(s) attending Eastern Illinois University. Any remaining amount will be disbursed to the recipient(s).

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submit a **maximum** of five (5) pages of poetry or short fiction using the online form found at <http://bit.ly/GrahamSlam> by March 31, 2017.

Finalists will be announced Friday, April 14, 2017 and the Graham Slam will be held Friday, April 21, 2017.