

Rules for the Annual Women's Studies Program Writing Award

1. All currently enrolled students at Eastern Illinois University are eligible.
2. Only one entry per contestant is allowed. However, a collection of short essays or journalistic pieces by one author may be submitted as a single entry.
3. Papers written during the calendar year previous to the award (spring, summer, or fall semesters) or the concurrent semester (spring) are eligible.
4. Both essays and research papers are acceptable. Fiction and poetry are not.
5. Entries should incorporate a feminist perspective, here defined as one that upholds or promotes feminism, or that submits gender roles to analysis or critique compatible with feminism. Feminism is here defined as the belief in or advocacy of political, economic, and social equity, especially women's rights and interests.
6. Entries must be typewritten, double spaced, and approximately 1800 - 5000 words (7-20 pages) in length, exclusive of any attached documentation.
7. Entries will be submitted for blind review to a panel of Women's Studies Faculty; entries will be evaluated on the following qualities:
 - a. thoughtful incorporation of feminist perspective,
 - b. originality of conception,
 - c. logic, style, and coherence of writing.
8. The winning entry(s) will receive a cash award, to be presented at an Awards Reception during Women's History Month in March. Judges may, at their discretion, award certificates of Honorable Mention. Judges also reserve the right not to make an award. Decision of the judges shall be final.
9. Submissions must include a 3x5 card with the following information

(Your name should NOT appear on the paper itself)

- Title of Paper (*optional*: title of course + professor for whom it was written)
- Your Name, Major, Rank (undergraduate vs. graduate student)
- Contact Information (e-mail, phone, mail)
- EIU ID number (E #)

Deadline: 1st Wednesday in March of each year

Deliver or send entries to Dr. Daiva Markelis, English Dept. (mailroom Coleman Hall 3155)

For further information, contact Melissa Ames (mames@eiu.edu) or the EIU Women's Resource Center (wsmminor@eiu.edu or 581.5947). These rules are also available at the Women's Studies Minor website www.eiu.edu/women/WHAM.php