

2018-2019 ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ESSAY CONTEST

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Turn your prose into profit and get published! Enter your essays in the Kalamazoo Valley Community College annual essay contest to be eligible to compete for cash awards and publication in the 2019 volume of Winning Essays. This publication becomes part of the KVCC library's permanent collection. Entries should be essays written in English 098, 110, 111, and 160. In addition, this year, for the first time, essays written in any 200-level English literature class may also be entered in the contest. Winners will be notified by mail during the summer of 2019 as soon as the judges have made their decisions. Just follow the directions on the entry form on the other side of this memo. The final deadline for submission is Friday, May 3, 2019.

The Ron Miazga Memorial Award for Descriptive Writing, a category introduced in the 2012-2013 essay contest, will be part of this year's competition as well. The \$150.00 award for this category's winner will recognize the essay or short fiction piece that best captures a sense of place. The winner should demonstrate effective descriptive writing, which includes such elements as specific detail, figurative language, and an appeal to multiple senses. Freshness, vividness, and inventiveness in language that put the reader in the place the writer has experienced or imagined is critical to this effort. Essays entered in this category should have been written in English 110, 111, 160, or 220 during the summer and fall of 2018 and the winter of 2019.

Please turn to the other side of this sheet to find the entry form.

2018-2019 ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Essays are due no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, May 3, 2019, to the Faculty Reception Desk. All entries should be marked to the attention of Caroline Whiting.

NOTE: Submissions must include two printed copies of your essay and an electronic submission to the following email address: **engessay@kvcc.edu**

A hard copy of the entry form, with your signature, must be turned in with the hard copies of your essays. You may submit two different essays, not more than that.

STUDENT NAME: _____

VALLEY NUMBER: _____

SUMMER ADDRESS: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(If your address is different from what is on record in the Records Office at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, please go to the Records Office, Room 4550, to change your address in order to be eligible to receive an award.)

SUMMER TELEPHONE (INCLUDING AREA CODE): _____

INSTRUCTOR: _____

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

(By signing this form, you give the English Department of Kalamazoo Valley permission to print your essay as part of a collection of notable writing by Kalamazoo Valley students.)

TITLE OF ESSAY SUBMISSION: _____

TITLE OF ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION: _____

CHECK ESSAY TYPE: ENG 098 Exit Essay

ENG 110/160 Narrative Research Descriptive Persuasive/Argumentative Other

ENG 111 Literary Criticism Personal Reflection

The Ron Miazga Memorial Award for Descriptive Writing

(Identify the course number in which this essay was written: ENG _____)

ENG 200-LEVEL LITERATURE COURSE (Identify the course number: _____)