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THE HOPWOOD PROGRAM

The Hopwood Room

The Hopwood Room is located in 1176 Angell Hall and serves the needs and interests of Hopwood contestants. The room is open Monday through Friday from 8:30-4:30. In addition to housing the winning manuscripts from past years of the contests, the Hopwood Room has a lending library of twentieth-century literature, a generous supply of non-circulating current periodicals, some reference books on how to get published, information on graduate and summer writing programs, and a collection of screenplays donated by former Hopwood winner Lawrence Kasdan. A tea is held regularly during the fall and winter terms on Thursdays, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., for students, faculty, and staff. FREE tea, coffee, and cookies are available to all.

The Hopwood Awards

Under the terms of the will of Avery Hopwood, prominent American dramatist and member of the Class of 1905 of The University of Michigan, one-fifth of Mr. Hopwood's estate was given to the Regents of the University for the encouragement of creative work in writing. The first awards were made in 1931, and today the Hopwood Program is proud to offer approximately \$120,000 in Hopwood and other prizes every year to young aspiring writers at the University of Michigan.

Following is a list of the contests held by the Hopwood Program with a brief description of eligibility and prizes offered:

The Graduate and Undergraduate Hopwood Contest

In the Graduate and Undergraduate contests, four fields of awards are offered--drama/screenplay, fiction, poetry, and essay (any form of nonfiction prose). The novel division is a combined category, for both the graduates and undergraduates. The awards for this contest vary, but usually fall in the range of \$1,000 to \$6,000.

Summer Hopwood Contest

This contest is only open to students who take writing courses during Spring and Summer terms.

Hopwood Underclassmen Contest

This contest is open to freshman and sophomores who are enrolled in writing courses.

The Hopwood Committee also administers three fellowship competitions and five poetry contests, sponsored by the Department of English:

The Roy W. Cowden Memorial Fellowship

This award is based on demonstrated writing talent and financial need. Prizes range from \$500 to \$1200. It is open to undergraduate and graduate students.

The Kasdan Scholarship in Creative Writing

This is a tuition award of \$4000 made on basis of financial need and promise in the writing of screenplays, drama, and fiction. Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors only.

The Arthur Miller Award of the University of Michigan Club of New York Scholarship Fund

This award is open to sophomores and juniors who have demonstrated writing talent in the areas of drama, screenplay, fiction, or poetry. The prize is \$2000 to be used towards educational expenses at the University of Michigan.

The Bain-Swiggett Prize

The best poem in traditional form by a University of Michigan student is awarded \$300. "Traditional form" has been interpreted to mean metered, but not necessarily rhymed verse.

The Michael R. Gutterman Awards

This award is a memorial to the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Gutterman, and their terms stipulate that the winning poems "shall exemplify the new, the unusual, and the radical." The first prize is \$250, the second \$150.

The Academy of American Poets Award

Two prizes of \$100 are offered by the Academy of American Poets in New York for poems submitted by University of Michigan undergraduate and graduate students.

The Jeffrey L. Weisberg Memorial Prize in Freshman Poetry

This award is for the best poem submitted by a freshman. First prize is \$350 and second prize is \$250.

The Marjorie Rapaport Award in Poetry

This award is a gift in memory to her daughter from Mrs. Phyllis Rapaport. The terms of this gift also stipulate that the poems "shall exemplify the new, the unusual, and the radical." \$125 for the first prize, \$100 for the second.

If you have any questions, or would like to have more information on any of the contests, please feel free to contact Andrea Beauchamp, Program Associate at (734) 764-6296 or by email at abeauch@umich.edu or just stop by the Hopwood Room in 1176 Angell Hall.