



Museum of Art and Archaeology University of Missouri



Shield of Achilles Awards

In collaboration with the Museum of Art and Archaeology, the Campus Writing Program will offer three Shield of Achilles writing awards for the best examples of MU undergraduate ekphrastic writing (See <https://ipfs.io/ipfs/QmXoypizjW3WknFiJnKLwHCnL72vedxjQkDDP1mXWo6uco/wiki/Ekphrasis.html>).

Ekphrastic writing, from the Greek *ekphrasis*, meaning “to speak out”, typically denotes poetry or creative writing concerning itself with the visual arts, artistic objects, and/or highly visual scenes, while for this award it involves creative student responses to objects displayed at the University's [Museum of Art & Archaeology](#).

Winners will receive: 1st place - \$200; 2nd place - \$150; 3rd place - \$100

These creative responses may include poetry, the traditional form of ekphrastic writing, as well as short fiction and creative nonfiction, rather than undergraduate student research papers (which you are welcome to submit to *Artifacts* under its regular guidelines). The classic example of *ekphrastic* writing is Homer's famous description of Achilles' shield in *The Iliad*, a poem which in turn gave rise to W.H. Auden's modern counterpart. The title of this undergraduate student writing award acknowledges its distinctive pedigree and enduring vitality.

Essay Submission Guidelines

- Fill out the [Student Information Sheet](#) and the [Unlimited Personal Release Agreement](#), scan them, and include as attachments with your submission.
- Submissions should be e-mailed to mucwpawards@missouri.edu
- In most cases, submissions are preferred as Word documents, 12 pt Times New Roman, double-spaced, APA format.

Papers must be received no later than 11:59 p.m., Central time, on **March 1, 2018.**

For donors: If you would like to make a donation to help support this award, please send checks to:

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