

Merry Ann DeVaney Sauls Writing Contest

Spring 2023

Rules

- All writing entered into this contest must have been completed for a class at Cottey College in the 2022-2023 academic year.
- You may submit an entry for each category (for a total of 5 entries), but you may not submit more than one entry per category.
- You may not enter the same submission into different categories.
- You may not enter a submission that has been previously submitted to this contest.
- Complete a MADS Entry Form for EACH of the pieces you wish to submit to the contest.
- The copies of the piece you submit must be clear of all identifying information. Remove your name from the heading, title page, and running page number. Please also remove the names of other individuals or details that might be used to identify yourself or others. Failure to do so may disqualify your entry.
- Carefully read the category descriptions (below) and choose the category that best fits your entry. If you're not sure, email Dr. Sarah Polo (spolo@cottey.edu) or Dr. Jon Green (jgreen@cottey.edu).
- Your submission may not contain information from human subjects (interviews, surveys, observations) unless you have received IRB approval for your research. Include a copy of your IRB protocol with your submission, which must also allow you to share your research with the larger community. Identifying information of human subjects should be removed from the submission. If you have information from human subjects but do *not* have IRB approval, your paper does not qualify for submission.

To Enter

Complete the [Contest Entry Form](#) with your information. You will be asked to describe the assignment for which you produced this piece, as well as upload your submission as a file. Please be sure your submission is free of all identifying information – Your name or other identifying info should not appear anywhere in your files, page headings, etc. Again, you must complete a separate entry form for each submission.

Note: This Contest Entry Form requires a sign-in with a Google account. If you do not have a Google account and do not wish to create one, please email Dr. Sarah Polo (spolo@cottey.edu) or Dr. Jon Green (jgreen@cottey.edu).

The deadline for entry is **Friday, March 24 by 11:59 pm.**

Entries will be judged by on-campus and off-campus judges. An awards ceremony recognizing the winners will be held on Friday, May 12.

Winning entries will be posted on the MADS Writing Contest webpage and published in *Write On, Sister*, edited by members of the English Department.

Categories

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Composition

Includes any project produced for First-Year Writing Seminar (FWS 101) or Writing 102.

Academic Writing

Includes any project produced for college-level courses in any discipline. Examples include research essays, literary critiques, scientific reports, rhetorical analyses, capstone presentations, and research-based social media projects.

Professional Writing

Includes texts designed for professional spaces and work environments. Any genre that participates in the communicative practices of a workplace belongs in this category. Examples include business documents, feasibility reports, proposals, infographics, advertising and marketing documents, job documents (resumes and cover letters). Work produced for WRI 292: Professional Writing, as well as any other course that asks students to design texts for professional spaces and work environments, qualifies for submission to this category.

Creative Writing

Includes texts produced as a means of creative expression. Examples include short stories, poems, scripts, lyrics/songs, comedy writing, creative nonfiction, literary journalism, memoir, and satire.

Writing in Foreign Languages

The Writing in Foreign Languages category is open to any student writing composed in a language that is not their native/home language. Texts may fit any genre and any purpose. Subcategories: English, French, and Spanish.

Questions?

For further information and previous winners, visit the writing contest Sauls Writing Contest section of the [Cottey English Department webpage](#).

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