

2021 GWENDOLYN BROOKS POETRY CONTEST

ANNOUNCEMENT, RULES, & GUIDELINES

Alabama A&M University's Department of English and Foreign Language seeks poetry written in English by undergraduate students of Alabama A&M University full or part-time. **Deadline—April 15th, 2021**

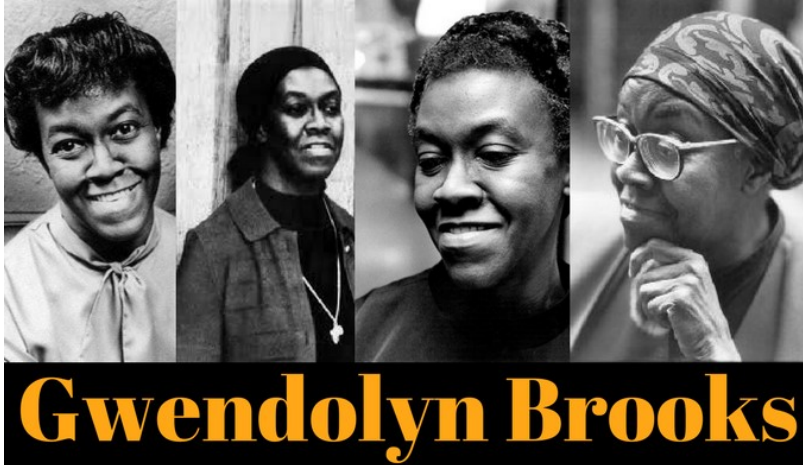
PRIZES:

1st: \$100

2nd: \$75

3rd: \$50

and 1 to 2 Honorable Mention Awards



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POEMS MUST BE

- Written in Microsoft Word or saved as a PDF and titled only (any self-identifying information on the poem(s) themselves will disqualify the poem(s);
- Formatted using 12-point sized Times New Roman font;
- Sixty lines or less (refers only to the body of the poem);
- Sixty-six characters or less on each line (refers to the formatting limit of sixty-six characters per line which includes letters, punctuation, and spaces. More than sixty-six characters/line or sixty lines (based on 12-point font) will not be considered);
- Submitted with a cover letter and photo of YOU; and
- Submitted using the following link: [GOOGLE DRIVE](#).

THE COVER LETTER MUST INCLUDE

- Name as you want it to appear in our records, publications, and certificate;
- A# — Banner number, Major, and Classification;
- US Post Office mailing address and email address;
- Titles of each poem (Also, include on each poem.); and
- Brief biography of no more than 120 words, written in third person. Feel free to add any website or contact information as well.

Entries missing any information or not following guidelines indicated above will be disqualified.

There is no reading fee, and applicants may submit only once with up to two poems. If more than two poems are submitted, only the first two will be read. Previously published works cannot be considered. Simultaneous submissions are allowed. Should the submitted work be accepted elsewhere, please inform us of publication promptly. Poets withdrawing poems from consideration must do so prior to the **April 15th deadline**.

AWARDS: All submissions will receive a confirmation of receipt. Winners will be notified and receive their awards from the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Contest of the Department of English and Foreign Languages. Contest winners and honorable mention awardees agree to allow the department to publish their names on AAMU websites and any other university or department publications.

Thank you for supporting the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Contest.

Best always from the Creative Writing Committee:
Kiitti L. Walker-Parker, Chair, and Distinguished Committee Members