

UNIVERSITY LITERARY COMPETITION 2026

**DEAN'S PRIZES IN CREATIVE WRITING:
FOR POETRY, SHORT FICTION AND DRAMA**

ACADEMY OF AMERICAN POETS PRIZE

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH PRIZE FOR HUMOR WRITING

Submit digitally to:

URLiteraryCompetition@gmail.com

Include: Name, UR ID, Mailing address, Major, Minor, Class Year, and Genre in the body of the e-mail

Attach your submission either in word or PDF format. No name printed on submitted material

Rules:

AI-generated or assisted writing is not eligible.

Poetry: Limit 6 Poems

Prose: Limit 5,000 words

Drama: Limit 40 pages

Humor: See attached guidelines

DEADLINE: APRIL 27TH, 3:00 PM



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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH PRIZE FOR HUMOR WRITING

- Open to current University of Rochester undergraduates and Take 5 students.
- Entries must have been written for a course, event or student publication at U of R (River or Eastman campus). It's fine if they've been revised since you first turned them in.
- Eligible work (you may enter in multiple genres):
 - Nonfiction:** one piece of up to 5,000 words, double spaced. Anything fact-based, including opinion pieces & personal essays.
 - Fiction:** one piece of up to 5,000 words, double spaced. Anything made up, including short stories, parodies and other forms of satire.
 - Poetry:** Up to 6 poems. A small group of very short poems, such as haiku or limericks, written under an umbrella title would count as one poem.
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