

2024-2025 ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ESSAY CONTEST

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Turn your prose into profit and get published! Enter your essays in the Kalamazoo Valley Community College annual essay contest to be eligible to compete for cash awards and publication in the 2024-2025 edition of Winning Essays. This publication becomes part of the KVCC library's permanent collection. Entries should be essays written in English 098, 099, 110, 111, and 160, and in any 200-level English literature class. Winners will be notified by mail during the summer of 2025 as soon as the judges have made their decisions.

The Ron Miazga Memorial Award for Descriptive Writing, a category introduced in the 2012-2013 essay contest, will be part of this year's competition as well. The \$150.00 award for this category's winner will recognize the essay or short fiction piece that best captures a sense of place. The winner should demonstrate effective descriptive writing, which includes such elements as specific detail, figurative language, and an appeal to multiple senses. Freshness, vividness, and inventiveness in language that put the reader in the place the writer has experienced or imagined is critical to this effort. Essays entered in this category should have been written in English 110, 111, 160, or 220 during the summer and fall of 2024 and the winter of 2025.

The official entry form is available below.

2024-2025 ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Essays are due no later than **5:00 pm, Friday, May 2, 2025**. Submissions, accompanied by this completed form, should be sent to: engessay@kvcc.edu.

You may submit two essays, but each one should be in a separate category. For example, you could submit a research essay for English 110 *and* a personal reflection essay in English 111, but *not* two research essays for English 110.

STUDENT NAME: _____

VALLEY NUMBER: _____

SUMMER ADDRESS: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(If your address is different from the one on file in the Records Office at Kalamazoo Valley, please contact the Records Office, Room 4550, to change your address in order to be eligible to receive an award).

SUMMER TELEPHONE (INCLUDING AREA CODE): _____

INSTRUCTOR: _____

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

By signing this form (typing your name is acceptable), you give the English Department of Kalamazoo Valley permission to print your essay as part of a collection of notable essays by Kalamazoo Valley students.

TITLE OF ESSAY SUBMISSION: _____

TITLE OF ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION: _____

CHECK ESSAY TYPE: ENG 098 ENG 099

ENG 110/160 Narrative Research Descriptive Persuasive/Argumentative Other

ENG 111 Literary Criticism Personal Reflection

The Ron Miazga Memorial Award for Descriptive Writing
(Identify the course number in which this essay was written: ENG _____)

ENG 200-LEVEL LITERATURE COURSE (Identify the course number: _____)