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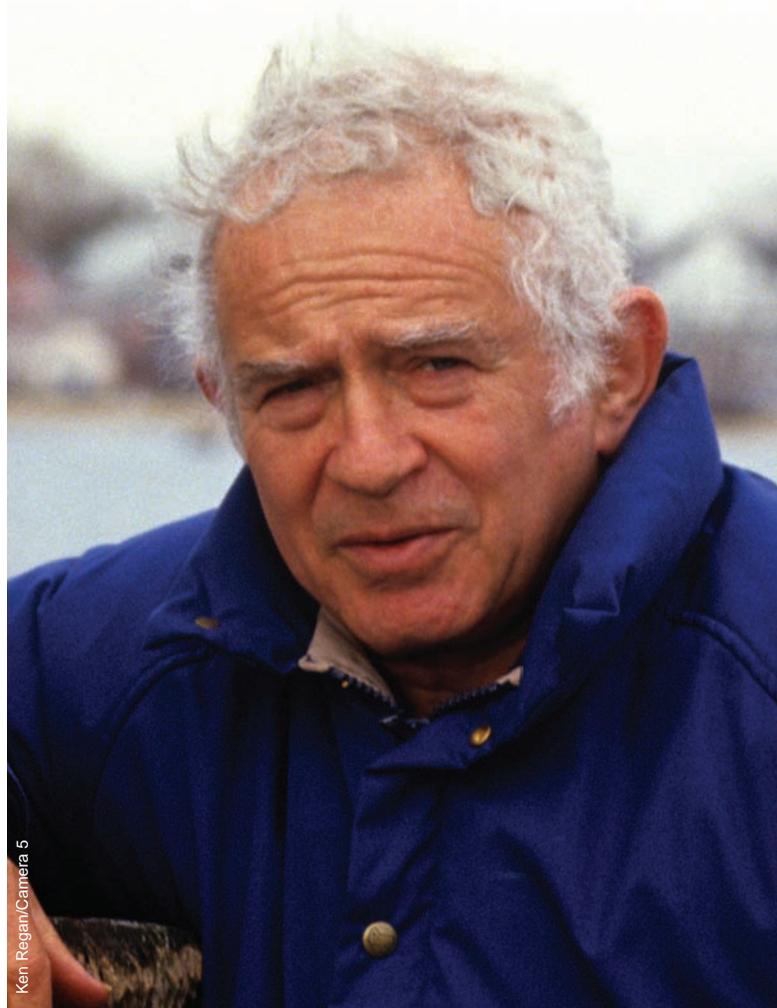
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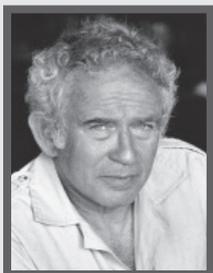
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ABOUT THE AWARDS



The Norman Mailer Center and Writers Colony and the National Council of Teachers of English are pleased to invite submissions for the 2012 **Norman Mailer High School and College Writing Awards**. National winners in each category will receive a cash award presented at the Norman Mailer Awards Gala in New York City on October 4,

2012. Some winners will also be rewarded with fellowships or scholarships to the Mailer Colony in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Recognition will also be extended to writers whose work earns top scores in early evaluation rounds.

Writing Category: Fiction

Students may submit one or more stories (within the page limits) or a self-contained section of a longer work (for example, from a novel). Submissions may be “conventional” or “experimental” and may represent any fiction tradition. However, the best work will demonstrate compelling literary merit. Open to high school and both college levels.

Writing Category: Poetry (Two-and Four-Year College)

Students may submit one or more poems, within the page limit. Poems may represent any tradition. However, the best work will demonstrate compelling poetic merit.

Judging Criteria

Submissions will be read by national panels of teachers and writers. They will be judged by how well they achieve the following qualities: originality; insight, voice, and style; handling of image, plot, character, or other elements; and overall aesthetic, emotional, or intellectual effect.

Finalists selected through this process will be submitted to a distinguished author (or panel of authors) selected by the Norman Mailer Center and Writers Colony, who will choose the winning writers. Last year's judges included William Kennedy, Sigrid Nunez, Colum McCann, and other accomplished authors.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Entries will be accepted online only and may include one or more pieces of writing. Quality is far more important than quantity. Winners receive travel* and lodging to attend the Colony's National Award Ceremony. **Entries accepted February 29–April 30, 2012, Noon CST. Winners will be notified in September.**

College Fiction Award is open to students currently enrolled full-time in four-year colleges. Maximum 15 single-spaced pages. The winner will receive a \$10,000 cash award and a fellowship at the Norman Mailer Writers Colony during the summer of 2013.

Community College Fiction Award is open to students currently enrolled in two-year colleges, junior colleges, and technical colleges. Maximum 15 single-spaced pages. The winner will receive a \$5,000 cash award.

High School Fiction Award is open to students currently enrolled in high school. Students may submit one or more pieces of writing, maximum 10 single-spaced pages, endorsed by a teacher and released by a parent or guardian. The winner will receive a \$5,000 cash award.

NEW! College Poetry Award is open to students currently enrolled in four-year colleges, two-year colleges, junior colleges, and technical colleges. Students may submit one or more poems, to a maximum of 10 pages. The winner will receive a \$5,000 cash award, with support from the Norman Mailer Center's sponsor, Van Cleef & Arpels.

*Funding for travel is limited to the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Canada and foreign students outside this area are eligible to enter. Outside of the US, a \$500 USD payment toward travel will be allowed. Hotel/lodging at the awards event will be covered.



Student award winners Dalia Wolfson, Christopher Woodard, and Elisa Gonzalez pose with President William J. Clinton at the 2011 Awards Gala.

To apply online visit <http://www.ncte.org/awards/student/nmwa>.