

English Essay Prize Contests



The Mary Keshen English Prize

Enter your best essay written for a **first-year** English course during 2021 or 2022.

Eligible papers must have been submitted for credit in one of the English 110X courses (1104, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109) and must have been submitted during the 2021 or 2022. Writers do not have to be enrolled in any specific program.

The prize is named after Mary Keshen, who taught English composition courses at Cape Breton University for many years.

The Shauna Gillis Prize

Enter your best literary essay from an **upper-level** English course during 2021 or 2022.

Eligible papers must have been submitted for credit in an upper-level English literature course (numbered 2000 and above) and must have been submitted during 2021 or 2022. Writers do not have to be enrolled in any specific program.

Having recently graduated with a BA in English with distinction, Shauna Marie Gillis passed away on September 13, 2001. She will be remembered for her academic excellence and for her love of children. She mentored younger children in her dance troupe, volunteered in the children's program at the Glace Bay Library, and was a partner in a small business to entertain at children's birthday parties. She is fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Winners receive a certificate, a book prize, and a cash award.

1. Provide a clean, unmarked **hard copy and electronic copy** of your essay. The paper itself should include the title but *should not include your name or any other identifying information*. You may revise your papers before submitting them for judging, and you may permit instructors to submit essays on your behalf.
2. Include a cover letter indicating your name, address, telephone number, **the title of your essay, the name of the instructor and class for which you originally submitted the essay, and the category you are entering (Mary Keshen English Prize or Shauna Gillis Prize)**.
3. Submit your hard copy paper to Dr. Jon Doering, CC 223 (feel free to leave papers under the door) **and** by email (jonathan_doering@cbu.ca).

The deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, March 14th, 2023**