

# **NU Women's Studies Program**

## **WRITING AWARD CONTEST**

Open to Niagara University undergraduates in any discipline  
who write about critical women's and gender issues.

Two awards will be given: one to a first-year student,  
and one to a sophomore, junior, or senior.

CRITERIA FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS	CRITERIA FOR SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS
Length: <b>4-15 pages</b>	Length: <b>6-15 pages</b> A condensed version of an honors thesis chapter is acceptable.
Paper must exhibit sensitivity to women's and gender issues.	Paper must exhibit sensitivity to women's and gender issues.
Paper must have been written for an undergraduate course at Niagara University and be an original piece of writing.	Paper must have been written for an undergraduate course at Niagara University and be an original piece of writing.
Paper must exhibit high-quality research and include appropriate documentation; or must closely examine a primary text about women, women's or gender issues; or must critically examine a women's or gender issue.	Paper must exhibit high-quality research and include appropriate documentation.
Paper must exhibit high-quality writing and include a clear thesis.	Paper must exhibit high-quality writing and include a clear thesis.
Paper must be of interest to a general audience.	Paper must be of interest to a general audience.

Resubmitted papers will not be accepted unless substantially revised.

Only one submission per student.

*Do **NOT** put any identifying information on your paper.*

You will complete a cover sheet with identifying information.

Submit one electronic copy in Word format to:

Dr. Shannon Risk, Chair of Susan B. Anthony Writing Awards, [srisk@niagara.edu](mailto:srisk@niagara.edu)

**The submission deadline is Friday,  
February 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm.**

For more information, contact Dr. Shannon Risk at  
716-286-8084 or [srisk@niagara.edu](mailto:srisk@niagara.edu).

Our annual awards ceremony will take place during Women's History Month on Wednesday, March 10 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Contest winners will be invited to present their work and receive the monetary prize. This event is open to contest winners' friends and families as well as all members of the NU campus community.

If you have a relevant poster presentation from a course or conference that you would like to contribute and present at our awards ceremony, please contact Dr. Hope L. Russell ([hrussell@niagara.edu](mailto:hrussell@niagara.edu)) with a description of the poster.

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