**The Sagan Writing Center Award:**

**Best Senior Application Essay for Graduate School or Extramural Funding**

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES: Friday, March 6, 2020 by 4:00 PM**

The Ohio Wesleyan Writing Center is pleased to sponsor the annual Sagan Writing Center Award in recognition of two senior students who demonstrate excellence in writing application essays for graduate and professional school admission or extramural scholarships. First-and second-place winners are awarded, respectively, $200 and $100 prizes. They will receive special recognition by having their essays posted on the Writing Center wiki and their names identified in the Commencement program and on the Writing Center website.

All senior Ohio Wesleyan students are eligible to submit essays from one or more of the following categories: **a)** Graduate school statements of purpose; **b)** Medical school, Law school, or Business school personal statements; **c)** Rhodes, Fulbright, Marshall, or Mitchell scholarship essays (personal statements); **d)** National Science Foundation (NSF) personal statements, or **e)** a similar type of personal essay written for other scholarships or sources of extramural funding.

Please contact the Director of the OWU Writing Center, Martine Stephens ([mlstephe@owu.edu](mailto:mlstephe@owu.edu) or 740-368-3926), if have questions or are you are uncertain whether your essay meets the submission criteria.

**Guidelines for Submission:**

* Submit **Four (4)** typed, single-spaced, and stapled hard copies of your essay. These copies will be distributed to the judges. (**Note:** To preserve the anonymity of submitters, we do not currently accept electronic submissions.)
* Include the title of your essay at the top of page one, and type the prompt below the title. **Please do not include your name anywhere on the copies of your essay(s).**
* Complete and sign all of the following forms:
  + Submission Form
  + Student Consent Form
  + Student Certification of Work Form
  + Submission Checklist

(Copies of these forms are available on the Writing Center website (<https://www.owu.edu/about/offices-services/sagan-academic-resource-center/writing-resource-center/writing-center-awards/>) and in the Sagan ARC (Corns 316).

* Place copies of your essay(s) and all four completed forms in a large envelope and deliver it to the Writing Center in the Sagan Academic Resource Center (Corns 316). (**Note:** For multiple entries, include Submission, Consent, and Certification forms for each essay—along with four copies of each essay).

Your Name: (printed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title of Essay: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Submission date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ HWCC Box: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The Writing Center Staff and members of the OWU faculty will select the award recipients.

Prizes will be awarded in April.