

## **THE EUGENE BUTLER SCHOLARSHIP IN CREATIVE WRITING**

(up to \$3,000 per year)

### **Who may apply?**

The Butler Scholarship is for graduate students and upper-class undergraduates who are interested in studying creative writing at Mississippi State University. Winners must be enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at MSU to receive money.

Priority will be given to candidates who are entering graduate school at MSU or who are transferring to MSU from a community college. If there are no satisfactory candidates in these categories, the competition will be opened to students who are already at MSU and who have demonstrated an interest in and talent for creative writing. There is no restriction on the major course of study in the College of Arts and Sciences; winners must simply be interested in continuing their work in creative writing and take one course in it each year.

### **How do I apply?**

- Students must be admitted to MSU to apply for scholarships.
- You must first complete the General Scholarship Application.
- After you complete and submit your general application, you should be able to apply for Creative Writing Scholarship. This will include: 1) A letter of about five hundred words to Professor Becky Hagenston, Chair, Eugene Butler Scholarship Committee, explaining why you are applying for this scholarship. This letter should summarize your writing experience and outline your goals, even if they are tentative, and should reflect your best writing. 2) An original manuscript consisting of at least 10 and no more than 30 pages of fiction or poetry or both. Poems should be single spaced; prose should be double spaced. You will upload these through the portal.
- If you have any questions about this scholarship, please contact Professor Becky Hagenston ([bhagenston@english.msstate.edu](mailto:bhagenston@english.msstate.edu)).

- If you have other scholarship questions, please contact the Office of Admissions and Scholarships at [scholarships.msstate.edu](http://scholarships.msstate.edu) or (662) 325-2224.

**How will scholarship recipients be chosen?**

Applications will be assessed by the creative writing faculty at Mississippi State. As long as you are qualified for normal admission to the University, other factors such as test scores and course transcripts will not be major considerations. For further information, email Becky Hagenston ([bhagenston@english.msstate.edu](mailto:bhagenston@english.msstate.edu)).