

Virginia Tech Fiction Prize

Awarded for the best short story or novel excerpt written by a student currently enrolled in the MFA program. There are no limitations on length or restrictions on subject matter. Short stories, however, generally range between 5,000 and 10,000 words, and fiction significantly under 5,000 words or over 10,000 words runs the risk of being considered a short-short fiction or a novella, neither of which is eligible for this prize.

RULES

All entries must be submitted to Aileen Murphy by November 1st. Students may enter only one work of fiction. Entries should be submitted as a MS Word or PDF document (double-spaced, reasonable margins and font size). Title the file as follows: [first word of title]VTFP.pdf/doc. (If a story titled "Goodbye Hello" were submitted as a MS Word file, it would be labeled "GoodbyeVTFP.doc.") Send entries to Aileen (aileen@vt.edu) as an attachment to email. The subject line of the email should read: "Virginia Tech Fiction Prize." In the body of the email, include the full title of the story and your contact information. Do not include your name or any identifying information anywhere on the manuscript. The stories will be judged by a writer who is not a member of the Virginia Tech English Department.

The winning fiction will be announced before December 1st. There will be a small cash award, equal to the amount of the Virginia-Tech / Poetry Society of Virginia Prize.

Virginia Tech / Poetry Society of Virginia Prize (aka The Academy of American Poets Poetry Award)

Awarded for the best poem written by a student currently enrolled in the MFA program. There are no limitations on length or subject matter (though we do expect you to be reasonable and not turn in a book-length poem).

RULES

All entries must be submitted to Aileen Murphy by November 1st. Entries should be submitted as a MS Word or PDF document (single-spaced, reasonable font size). Title the file as follows: [first word of title]VTTP.pdf/doc. (If a poem titled "Miss Breakdown" were submitted as a PDF file, it would be labeled "MissVTTP.pdf.") Send entries to Aileen (aileen@vt.edu) as an attachment to email. The subject line of the email should read: "Virginia Tech Poetry Prize." In the body of the email, include the title of the poem and your contact information. Do not include your name or any identifying information anywhere on the manuscript. The poem will be judged by a writer who is not a member of the Virginia Tech English Department.

The winning poem will be announced before December 1st. There will be a small cash award to be determined by the Academy of American Poets, which is the funding organization for this prize.