

Emily Morrison Prize for Poetry

This prize is provided through the generosity of Joan and Paul Morrison, the Morrison family, and friends of Emily Morrison. The annual prize is awarded to a student enrolled in the MFA in Creative Writing at Virginia Tech. The work of the student receiving the award will have been judged to be outstanding by the graduate faculty in the Creative Writing Program. The recipient will be expected to attend the presentation of the award, an event which occurs during the English Department's commencement ceremony in May. Morrison family members will present the prize. In the event no student meets the above-stated criteria in a given academic year, the unused annual distributions will revert back to the fund.

RULES

Submit three poems. The submitted manuscript should be no more than ten pages in length. All entries must be submitted to Aileen Murphy by March 31st. Entries will be judged by the MFA faculty, and should be submitted in standard poem format with reasonable margins and font size—unless, of course, there are creative reasons for deviating from standard formatting. Drop off entries in Aileen's mailbox, in a manila envelope marked "Emily Morrison Poetry Prize." Be sure to include the titles of the poems and contact information on the envelope, but **not anywhere on the manuscript**. The poems will be judged as anonymously as is possible given the nature of the relationship between the judges and the entrants.

There will be a cash award of at least \$500 which will accompany this prize.