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Dear English Department Chair:

We're looking for gifted high school poets, and we'd like your help.

The enclosed flyer calls for entries from young women who are sophomores or juniors in high school or preparatory school for Hollins University's 54th annual Nancy Thorp Poetry Contest. I invite you to share the flyer with female students you think would be interested in submitting poems.

Each year, this contest attracts more than 950 entries from across the country. It's a wonderful opportunity for high school students' work to be taken seriously by a panel of students and faculty members at one of the nation's top-ranked schools in creative writing.

Here are the contest highlights:

- The contest is open to sophomore and junior young women.
- Entries must be submitted online at www.hollins.edu/poetry-contest.
- Each entrant must submit the name of a teacher or guidance counselor, who acts only as point of contact.
- The first place prize consists of free tuition and housing for the university's Hollinsummer creative writing program; a \$200 cash prize; and ten copies of *Cargoes*, the student-produced annual literary magazine at Hollins.
- The six second place prizes consist of a \$25 cash prize and two copies of *Cargoes*, the student-produced annual literary magazine at Hollins.
- As always, all the winning poems will be printed in Cargoes.

For more information about this contest or Nancy Thorp, visit our English department web page (www.hollins.edu/academics/english/) and click on "Nancy Thorp Poetry Contest" on the right side of the screen.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call Hollins' office of admission at (800) 456-9595 or email hupoet@hollins.edu.

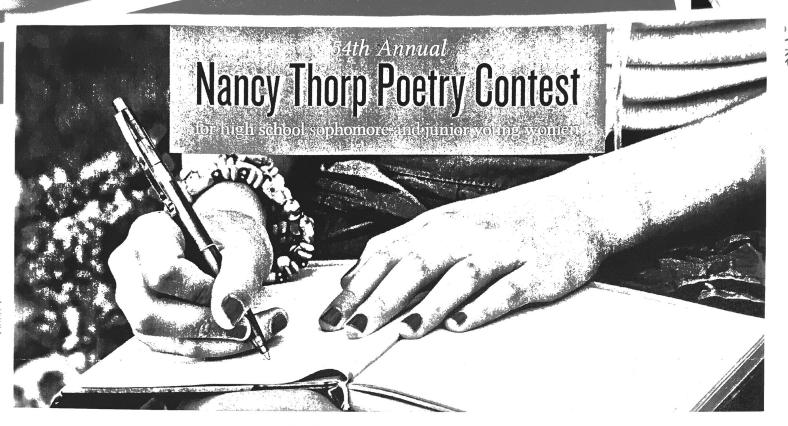
Thanks,

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Associate Professor of English

P.S. The deadline for entries is October 31, 2017. Winners will be notified in late February.



Write like you mean it.

WHAT IS THE NANCY THORP POETRY CONTEST?

Now in its 54th year, the contest is sponsored by Hollins University and awards prizes for the best poems submitted by young women who are sophomores or juniors in high school or preparatory school.

WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?

FIRST PLACE (one winner)

- Free tuition and housing for the university's Hollinsummer creative writing program
- \$200 cash prize
- Publication in Cargoes, Hollins' awardwinning student literary magazine
- Ten copies of Cargoes

SECOND PLACE (six winners)

- \$25 cash prize
- Publication in Cargoes
- Two copies of Cargoes

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES? October 31, 2017

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

- Students must submit their poem(s) in Microsoft Word, 12pt Times New Roman
- No more than two poems by any one student may be submitted
- Please label additional pages with the author's name, title of poem, and page number

Each entry must include the following information:

- · Author's name
- Author's mailing address
- Author's phone number and/or email address
- Year of author's high school graduation
- High school teacher or guidance counselor's name and email address
- Author's school
- · Address of author's school
- Phone number of author's school

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY ONLINE:

www.hollins.edu/poetry-contest

WHO CHOOSES THE WINNING POEMS?

Winners are chosen by students and faculty members in the creative writing program at Hollins.

WHEN ARE WINNERS NOTIFIED?

Late February

WHO WAS NANCY THORP?

Nancy Thorp, Hollins class of 1960, was a young poet who showed great promise when she was a student. Following her death in 1962, her family established the Nancy Thorp Poetry Contest to encourage the work of young poets.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOLLINS' CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM?

Hollins University's creative writing program is nationally recognized as one of the best in the country. The program has received acclaim in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Southern Living*, and *Esquire* for the work of its graduates and for its distinctive approach to teaching. To learn more, visit www.hollins.edu/english.

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