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The **National Council of Teachers of English** is devoted to improving the teaching and learning of English and the language arts at all levels of education.

## ABOUT THE NORMAN MAILER CENTER AND WRITERS COLONY

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The **purpose of the Colony** is to nurture the development of future generations of writers by using Norman Mailer's contributions to American culture and letters as a guiding force.

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*“Once in a while your hand will write a sentence that seems true and yet you do not know where it came from. It may be one’s nicest reward as a writer.”*

*– Norman Mailer*

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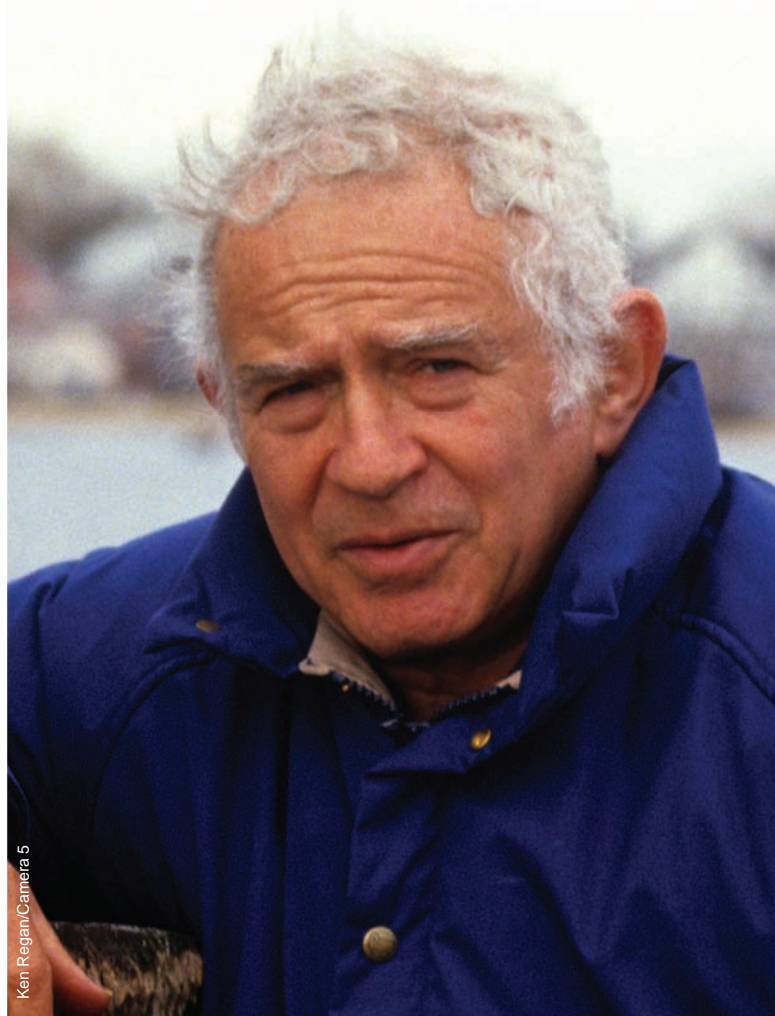
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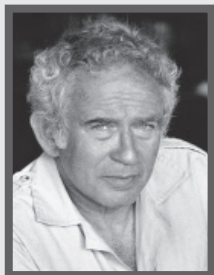
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## ABOUT THE AWARDS



The Norman Mailer Center and Writers Colony and the National Council of Teachers of English are pleased to invite submissions for the 2011 **Norman Mailer High School and College Writing Awards**. National winners in each category will receive a cash award presented at the Norman Mailer National

Writing Awards in New York City on November 8, 2011. Recognition will also be extended to writers whose work earns top scores in early evaluation rounds.

### Writing Category: Creative Nonfiction

Norman Mailer produced extraordinary works in many genres, including the category of this year's award: creative nonfiction. Students may submit work in any of the many subgenres of creative nonfiction: memoir or autobiography, essay, literary journalism, profiles of people or places, and so on. Whatever its type, the best work will be true material presented with compelling literary merit.

### Judging Criteria

Submissions will be read by national panels of teachers and writers of creative nonfiction. They will be judged by how well they achieve several qualities, including the artful treatment of true subject matter; originality; quality of insight, voice, and style; artful arrangement of elements and materials; and overall aesthetic, emotional, or intellectual effect. Finalists selected through this process will be submitted to a distinguished author (or panel of authors) selected by the Norman Mailer Center and Writers Colony, who will choose the winning writers.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Entries will be accepted online only and may include one or more pieces of writing. Quality is far more important than quantity. Winners receive travel\* and lodging to attend the Colony's National Award Ceremony. **Entries accepted March 1–April 28, 2011, Noon CST. Winners will be notified in late September.**

**High School Competition** is open to all high school students. Students may submit one or more pieces of writing, maximum 10 single-spaced pages, endorsed by a teacher and released by a parent or guardian. **Cash award of \$5,000.**

**Two-Year College Competition** is open to first- and second-year full-time undergraduate students enrolled in community colleges, junior colleges, and technical colleges. Maximum 15 single-spaced pages. **Cash award of \$5,000.**

**Four-Year College Competition** is open to current full-time students. Maximum 15 single-spaced pages. The college winner receives a scholarship to the Norman Mailer Writers Colony during the summer of 2012. **Cash award of \$10,000.**

\*Funding for travel is limited to the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Canada and foreign students outside this area are eligible to enter. Outside of the U.S. a \$500.00 USD payment toward travel will be allowed. Hotel will be paid as for students in the U.S.



2010 winners: Gwyne Bahler, Minh Phuong Nguyen, Dawna Bagherian, and Douglas Hesse, NCTE

To apply online visit <http://www.ncte.org/awards/student/nmwa>.