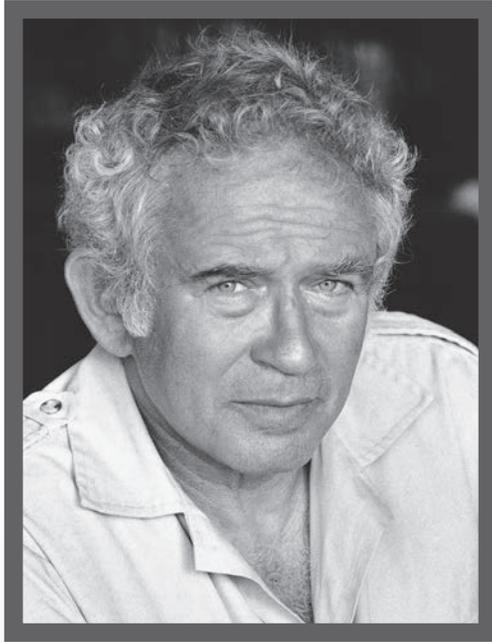


# ABOUT THE AWARDS



The Norman Mailer Center and Writers Colony and the National Council of Teachers of English are pleased to invite submissions for the 2015 Norman Mailer High School and College Writing Awards. National winners in each category will receive a trophy and a cash award to be presented at an award ceremony in Fall 2015.

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Student award winners Dalia Wolfson, Christopher Woodard, and Elisa Gonzalez pose with President William J. Clinton at the 2011 Awards Gala.

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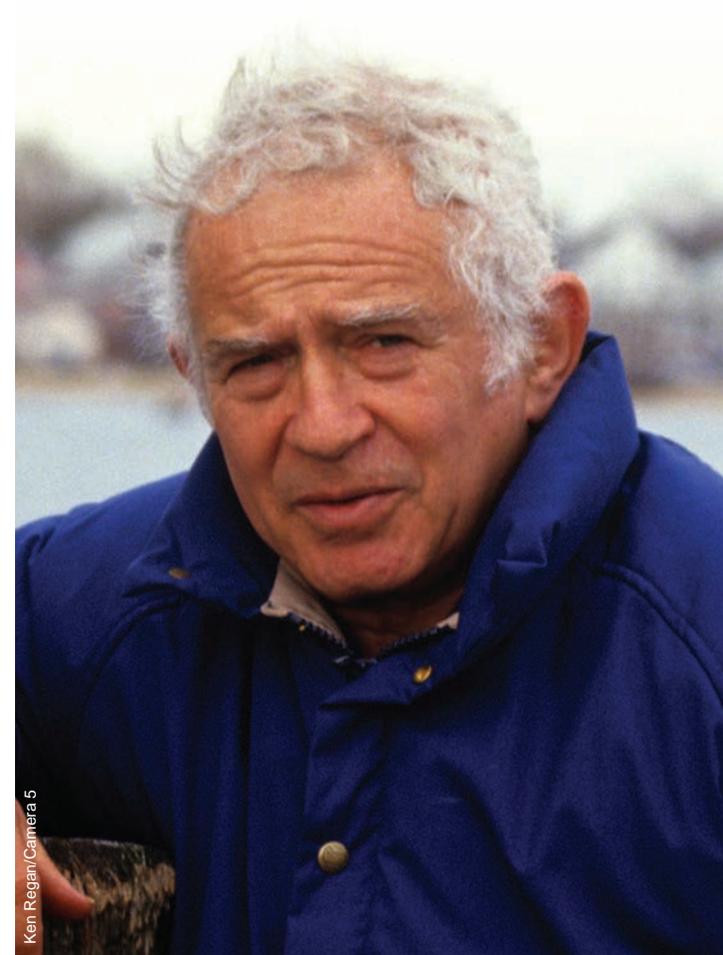
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# THE 2015 NORMAN MAILER STUDENT AND TEACHER WRITING AWARDS

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# THE NORMAN MAILER HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE WRITING AWARDS FOR STUDENTS

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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. Submissions may be “conventional” or “experimental” and may represent any non-fiction tradition. However, the best work will demonstrate compelling literary merit. Open to high school and both college levels.\*\*

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 an awards ceremony. Entries accepted through April 30, 2015, Noon CST. Winners will be notified in September.

**College Creative Non-Fiction Award** is open to students currently enrolled full-time in four-year colleges. Maximum 15 single-spaced pages. The winner will receive a \$5,000 cash award.

**Community College Creative Non-Fiction Award** is open to students currently enrolled in two-year colleges, junior colleges, and technical colleges. Maximum 15 single-spaced pages. The winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award.

**High School Creative Non-Fiction Award** is open to students currently enrolled in high school. 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. The winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award.

**College Poetry Award** is open to students currently enrolled in four-year colleges, two-year

colleges, junior colleges, and technical colleges. Students may submit one or more poems, to a maximum of 10 pages. The winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award.

\*Funding for travel to the awards ceremony for the award winner is limited to coach airfare within the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Outside of the US, a \$500 USD payment toward travel will be allowed. Hotel/lodging at the awards event will be covered.

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## JUDGING CRITERIA

Submissions will be read by national panels of teachers and writers. They will be judged by how well they achieve several qualities, including the artful treatment of subject matter; originality; quality of insight, image, 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. Previous judges include William Kennedy, Sigrid Nunez, Colum McCann, and other accomplished authors.



2014 Norman Mailer Student Writing Award winners Connor Rystedt, Henry Colt, Angela Qian, Sarah Maslin, Andrew Jones

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# THE NORMAN MAILER WRITING AWARD FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Full- and part-time middle and high school teachers are eligible to enter the competition.

Entries will be accepted online and may include one piece of writing with a maximum of 20 single-spaced pages.\*\*

The competition is limited to works of non-fiction. Entries are accepted online only through July 16, 2015.

One winner and four finalists will be notified in early September. The winner will receive a \$5,000 cash prize with travel\* and lodging to attend an awards ceremony in the Fall of 2015.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

Submissions will be read by national panels of teachers and will be judged by how well they achieve the following qualities: handling of image, plot, character, or other elements; originality; insight, voice, and style; and overall aesthetic, emotional, or intellectual effect. Stories that receive high ratings from the teacher panels will be submitted to a distinguished panel of authors selected by the Norman Mailer Center, who will choose the winning entry.

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