

Scholarships & Awards Committee

Meeting on Friday, Sept. 25

- I. Delete “nominating” statement from website, applications, and all forms
 - a. Revise “two recommendations” language
 - b. Probably “from people who know you as a writer or as a scholar”
- II. Disability Scholarship
 - a. Requested to consider this
 - b. As the retreat conversations suggest, the emphasis (for now) needs to be on some of our more traditional scholarships
 - c. Do we need an option for regular scholarships: “What makes you stand out [distinguishes you] from peers who might look like you on paper?” Allows for commenting on special needs, challenges, or abilities.
- III. AwardSpring changes—updating the committee on some of the options available now, as well as changes made this year
- IV. Essay option(s) for all scholarships—no longer tied to convention themes?
- V. Flip flopping deadlines for scholarships
 - a. Expected drawbacks and advantages
 - i. No more convention essay award or announcements
 - ii. How will we highlight them? **ONLINE announcements of and highlights of winners**
 - iii. Affects judging, training (of new chair?), and numbers—we hope in a positive way
- VI. Currently finalizing scholarship info for this semester
- VII. Internship stipends—timeline for these...one round has to close before another opens