Eligibility:
1. Are declared Women’s and Gender Studies minors.
2. Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5.

Award:
$500

Criteria for Awarding Essay:
All essays must be typed in Microsoft Word, using Times New Roman, 12-point font size and no more than 2500 words in length (including references), double-spaced with one inch margins, left to right and top to bottom. Papers that only offer personal opinions, without evidence of research/documentation and analytical reasoning, will not be considered.

The Women's and Gender Studies Essay Contest Committee will consider the following in the evaluation of the essays:

- Subject/Topic and Originality
- Argument/and or theoretical framework
- Methodology and Research process
- Supporting evidence/Sources
- Skills/Mechanics

Application Deadline:
March 22, 2019 (Applicants will be notified of the Committee’s decision by April 19, 2019).

Instructions:
A completed application consists of:

- Non-published original scholarly or literary essay of no more than 2500 words on any subject related to the following themes: Gender, Sexuality, and the Politics of the Body; Gender, Activism, Resistance, and Empowerment; and Gender, Intersectionality, Transfeminism, and Diversity.

Applicants may submit a revised version of an essay completed in one of their classes or the applicant may submit a newly-created essay.

- Two letters of reference from UNC Charlotte faculty.
  1. If submitting an essay from an applicant’s coursework, at least one letter should be from the former professor who assigned the essay that will be entered in the contest. Letters from peers or family members will not be accepted.
  2. These letters should evaluate the Applicant’s academic achievement and interest & involvement in gender issues.
- Contact information for the people who are writing your letters of reference.
  1. Names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers

Submission Instructions
Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Submit the essay as email attachment to: sramse17@uncc.edu. The electronic file must be in MS Word format and must be arranged as follows:
1. The first page must be a cover letter with the title of your essay, your name, mailing address, telephone number and email contact information.

2. The second page of the essay must contain only the title of the essay. Please do not include your name on this page.

3. The essay (2500 words): no name or Banner ID.

All application materials must be emailed to Dr. Sonya Ramsey, sramse17@uncc.edu by March 22, 2019. It is at the sole discretion of the WGST Carver Essay Contest Committee if late or incomplete applications are accepted. For more information, contact Dr. Sonya Ramsey, Ph.D.
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