



The 2026 Margaret Harvin Wilson Writing Award for first-year students and sophomores

Celebrating excellence in writing by Georgia College & State University undergraduates.

SUBMISSION FORM

Georgia College & State University first-year students and sophomores who are enrolled within the following disciplines – arts, humanities, social sciences and physical sciences for spring semester 2026 are eligible.

Complete contact information is necessary.

Name: _____ GC student ID#: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

Local address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Preferred phone no.: _____

Preferred email: _____ Bobcat email: _____

Hometown (city, state): _____

Title of submission: _____

[Check one] _____ first-year student _____ sophomore

[Check one] _____ poetry _____ fiction / creative nonfiction _____ drama

CATEGORIES: Please only submit one entry per category.

Poetry: Up to three poems, maximum five pages

Fiction / Creative nonfiction: One piece, maximum 20 pages, double spaced

Drama: One-act play, maximum 20 pages

Submit two documents saved in .doc, .docx or .rtf formats. No PDFs. Include the completed submission form and one creative work (for poetry, up to three poems/five pages, but send as one document, with one poem per page). Do not include your name on your work. You may submit to all three categories, but only once to each category.

DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m., Feb. 6, 2026. Please submit your entries by this date to melinda.martin@gcsu.edu.

All finalists will receive a cash prize and be recognized at a ceremony in the Pat Peterson Museum Education Room at 5 p.m., March 31, 2026. Finalists must be present to win.