

**The Department of English at the University of Houston
Jimmie Katherine Morris Gentile Scholarship in Literary Criticism (\$1,000 Award)**

Submit all materials via email attachment(s) to:
Cedric Tolliver, Director of Upper Division Studies, (ctolliver@uh.edu)

Eligibility Requirements:

Undergraduate English majors who have completed at least 9 hours of upper division English courses (with a minimum of 6 upper division hours on this campus), have a 3.25 GPA in English, and will be enrolled for the upcoming academic year are eligible for this scholarship.

Application Requirements:

- 1) A clean, unmarked copy of a critical essay (any length) submitted to complete requirements for an upper-division English course taken at UH.
- 2) A 500-word personal statement explaining how the submitted essay reflects your interest in English studies.
- 3) A complete academic transcript.
- 4) A letter of recommendation submitted directly to the Director of Upper Division Studies from a member of the UH English Department faculty (ctolliver@uh.edu).

Award Procedure:

The Gentile Scholarship applications are judged each spring by the Upper Division Studies Committee, which consists of the Director of Upper Division Studies and 4-6 faculty members appointed by the Chair of the Department. Each application is read and ranked holistically by each faculty member of the committee, using criteria such as strength of argument, originality, clarity of expression, and level of research; the academic record and supporting materials help the committee further assess submissions' academic excellence in the field of literary criticism. Ranking scores are compiled and the Committee meets to discuss each applicant and to determine the winners.

All awards will be presented at the department's May Honors Day event.