

**Fall 2017 Elmer Markham Johnson Prize
and
Fall 2017 James E. Rice, Jr., Prize**

Three awards of \$300 each will be offered this term for excellent expository writing in a First-Year Writing Seminar. Honorable mentions, if any, will receive \$100. Publication of winning essays in *Discoveries* is also possible.

- The Elmer Markham Johnson prize is given in memory of Elmer Markham Johnson, who taught freshman English at Cornell and served as Chancellor of Telluride House.
- The generosity of the Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund allows us to offer two James E. Rice, Jr. '30 Awards. Judge Rice, a leader in civic and philanthropic activities in Tompkins County for over fifty years, was a student of Elmer Markham Johnson.

To be eligible for an award, an essay must have been written in response to a teacher's assignment. The essay should, of course, be fully intelligible to a reader not familiar with the assignment or the course, and it must include all appropriate documentation. Essays without accurate documentation might not be considered for publication in *Discoveries*.

Please note:

- Any student in any First-Year Writing Seminar is eligible to enter, at the invitation of his or her instructor.
- Only two entries can be submitted from each class.
- Each paper should be typed and should include the author's name and local address, and the name of the instructor and course.
- **A complete and accurate list of all sources (including images), in an accepted documentation format, must be included.**
- The essay must be accompanied by a copy of the assignment that elicited it. **Please do not staple.**

Submissions are due in 101 McGraw Hall by Thursday, December 14. No exceptions can be made.
Undergraduate writers may not submit the same essay for more than one prize.

**Fall 2017 Elmer Markham Johnson Prize and James E. Rice, Jr. Prize
Application**

~Please Print Clearly. Do **not** staple. Use paper clips only~

Instr name _____ Instr e-mail _____

Department _____ Course # and title _____

Student's name _____ College _____

Local address _____ Class of _____

Local telephone _____ Email (Cornell) _____

Home address (street, city, state, zip) _____

Home telephone _____ Student ID Number _____

I understand that I may submit this essay for only one prize for the current semester. Should I win a prize, I give the John S. Knight Institute permission to publish, quote from, and/or distribute copies of my essay, and to distribute publicity to newspapers and other publications, local and/or national, about my winning the prize. I am prepared to send electronic versions of my text (not a PDF, but an editable text document) to Donna Newton (dlo1@cornell.edu) in the Knight Institute. I understand that I will receive the award for my prize-winning essay upon submission of the electronic text.

Title of Essay

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Instructor's signature _____ Date _____