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 Adelphic 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 may be invited to enter by the instructor.
- Only two entries can be submitted from each class, at the instructor’s discretion.
- 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 M101 McGraw Hall by Monday, December 16. No exceptions can be made. Undergraduate writers may not submit the same essay for more than one prize.

Fall 2019 Elmer Markham Johnson Prize and Fall 2019 James E. Rice, Jr., Prize Application

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Student’s name ______________________________________ College __________________________

Phone/Cell ______________________________________ Class of __________________________

Email (Cornell) ______________________________________ Student ID # __________________

Address (to mail prize stipend if applicable) Street: ______________________________________

City, State, Zip ______________________________________

Instr name ______________________________________ Instr e-mail __________________________

Dept & Course # __________________ Course title ______________________________________

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

__________________________________________ Date __________________

Student’s signature ____________________________________ Date __________________

Instructor’s signature __________________________________ Date __________________