

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Louise and Richard Goodwin Writing Prize for Excellence in Theological Writing was founded in 2001 to recognize upcoming scholars in the theological field. The writing prize is awarded by the Board of Directors of Theological Horizons, a non-profit corporation fostering reflection and responsibility in the church, the community, and the academy. Award are given to essays that demonstrate:

- creative theological thinking,
- excellence in scholarship,
- engagement with the Christian tradition, and
- commitment to the well-being of the church.

Three chances to win:

\$2500 prize

\$1000 prize

\$500 prize

\$500 will be given to the professor of the winning student

Submissions must be postmarked by **June 1st**

Eligibility requirements and submission guidelines:

- The writer must be a masters or doctoral student (e.g. MDiv, MaR, PhD, ThD etc.)
- The submission must be an original, unpublished essay
- Excerpted dissertation chapters are not eligible
- Please submit your manuscript in two forms:
 - as a single-document email attachment (in Microsoft Word format) to goodwinprize@theologicalhorizons.org
 - as a hard copy to Theological Horizons, 1841 University Circle, Charlottesville, VA 22903.
- This document must include:
 - The author's name, permanent postal address, email & telephone number
 - brief biographical information
 - A title for the essay
 - An abstract (100 words or less) at the beginning of the document
 - The body of the essay
- The suggested length: 5000 words

The essays should follow submission guidelines of a peer-reviewed journal.

Formatting tips

Do:

- Font: Times New Roman (or comparable)
- Font size: 12

- Double-spaced
- Numbered pages
- Footnotes or endnotes—whichever suits your essay best!

Do not:

- Do not put your name on each page
 - This is extremely important for the sake of our blind judging process
- Do not print double sided
 - We're with you on the whole environmentally-friendly thing, but it can get messy when it comes to marking up your essay

Paper Length: no more than 5000 words, with unspecified flexibility. Papers that display an egregious disregard for this limit will be thrown out.

Winners will be asked to:

- Be interviewed by a Theological Horizons staff member
- Submit a white paper illuminating the meaning of their essay for a church context

The prize is endowed by a generous gift from Mr. & Mrs. Frank Garrett Louthan III in loving memory of Mrs. Louthan's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Richard T. Goodwin of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

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