

In accordance with its longstanding goal of encouraging academic excellence, achievement, and distinction among its students, the faculty of the Political Science Department is pleased to announce the

2020

William J. Blough **Political Science Department** **Undergraduate Essay Contest**



1ST PRIZE \$200 2ND PRIZE \$100 3RD PRIZE \$50

BASIC RULES

- The essay contest is open to all Winthrop undergraduates and only to them.
- Essays may be on any political science topic. Entries may be identical to papers that have been previously submitted in political science courses, modified versions of such papers, or essays written specifically for this competition.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted.
- The prize-winning essays will be chosen strictly on the basis of intellectual merit. Intellectual merit includes originality of thought, thoroughness of research, and effectiveness of writing. In the event all entries lack sufficient merit, no prizes will be awarded. Entries will be judged by a faculty committee of the Department of Political Science.
- An electronic copy entry is due to Katie Hartnett (hartnettk@winthrop.edu), the Department of Political Science program assistant on or before **Friday, March 20th, 2020 at 5pm**. There is **no minimum or maximum length**.
- The winners will be announced in April. Prizes will be awarded at a special ceremony. The department anticipates (but does not require) that the winners will make a scholarly presentation based on their winning essay at this award ceremony.
- Students enrolled in PLSC 490 for the academic year will be automatically considered for the Byrd Award and the Janice Chastain Houk Award for Undergraduate Research, but not the Blough Award.

due at 5pm on Friday, March 20th, 2020