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**Academy of American Poets offers $100 prize annually for best poetry by students**

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MISSOULA--

The Academy of American Poets will offer a $100 poetry prize annually for five years through the estate of Loring Williams to University of Montana students who write the best poem or group of poems submitted to a committee of judges.

A three-member committee selected by Dr. Merrel D. Clubb Jr., chairman of the UM Department of English, will recommend winners for the annual award after evaluating poetry submitted by students. Committee members are Richard Hugo, professor of English and director of creative writing, committee chairman; Madeline DeFrees, professor of English, and Andrea Friedman, instructor of English.

In a letter notifying UM President Robert T. Pantzer of The Loring Williams Memorial Prize for UM students, Mrs. Hugh Bullock, president of the Academy of American Poets, said there is no limitation on type or length of poems which may be submitted for judging. If there is more than one winner, prize money will be divided accordingly.

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