

Dear Student:

Every year the Metro State University faculty members have an opportunity to give one award (\$500) to an outstanding student writer. The Robert L. Carothers Distinguished Writers Award is sponsored by the Minnesota State (formally MnSCU) system.

I am nominating you for the award and, if you're interested, would like you to apply.

Here's what you need to do before **11:59 pm, March 24, 2024:**

- Submit one double-spaced prose piece (fiction, essay, academic paper, script, etc.) and/or three to six any-spaced poems (a maximum of 15 pages total). If submitting imaginative stories/scripts, they may not be based on, or fan continuations of, pre-existing, published works. Please submit only your strongest and most *original* work.
- Email your attachment(s) to Suzanne.nielsen@metrostate.edu
- Subject line: Carothers Competition
- **In this email, please provide the name and position of the person nominating you.**
- Deadline: 11:59 pm, March 24, 2024 (*no exceptions*)
- **On your submitted competition document, include your NAME, student ID #, current GRADE POINT AVERAGE (this will be verified), MAJOR and DEGREE SOUGHT (if you know), ADDRESS, EMAIL, and PHONE NUMBER.**

The Robert L. Carothers Distinguished Writers Award was created in June 1991, to acknowledge Chancellor Carothers' outstanding contribution to the Minnesota State University System and to higher education in Minnesota by providing a way to highlight the work of student writers at the Minnesota state universities. This endowment provides one student at each of the state universities with a \$500 award in June of each year.

This is a wonderful and long-standing program and I hope you'll apply!