The McKenzie Prize for Writing in the First Year
Submission Form

For courses taken Spring, Summer or Fall, the Submission Deadline is February 1.

Student Name:

Instructor’s Name:

First Year Writing Course Taken (course, section, and term):

Contact information:

RIT email:

Permanent phone number:

Permanent address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Portfolio Checklist:
I have prepared the following items in digital format and am submitting these in a zip file to my First Year Writing instructor or directly to the coordinator of the McKenzie Prize Paulette Swartzfager pmsgsla@rit.edu:

• This Submission Form
• At least 2 drafts of a research-based paper (minimally a preliminary draft and the final draft) that integrate multiple sources to support a clear claim. The final draft should display correct and consistent citation of sources in an accepted publishing format (MLA, APA, or Chicago).
• A Personal Reflection letter describing the process of research and revision for this paper. Include what has been changed in the final draft because of and based on the feedback/revision cycle.

Personal Reflection Guidelines:
In an essay of 500 - 800 words, reflect on your process of writing and revising the submitted paper. In this reflection, include how your textbook and other course materials influenced your thinking as well as how any peer response sessions, subsequent letter writing and instructor comments affected your own revision process. Be specific. Quote your own work (but no citations are needed). First person is acceptable.

Some questions/elements to consider when approaching this essay:

• Drawing on the changes you made, and especially the series of moves that you identified during the revision process, discuss the aims and strategies that directed your work in both drafting and revising your essay.
• How did your project evolve over time?
• How did you come up with and carry through on your plan for revising?
• Which comments from your readers—either written on your draft or offered during a workshop—did you find most useful in rethinking your essay?
• What different ideas or examples did you work with and how?
• What went according to plan and what surprised you?
• If you had the opportunity to return to this piece, what further work might you do on it?

Traditionally, the writing that wins the McKenzie Prize is published along with other award-winning writing. Award-winning portfolios also may be made available to future First Year Writing classes for instructional use.

_By submitting this application and my work digitally, I acknowledge that I agree that my work will be considered for the McKenzie Prize, and that it may be published at RIT and/or used in First Year Writing classes for instructional use._