JAMES F. PARKER
Writing Contests

James Forrest Parker was a Greenville, Texas, native who earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1948. After retiring from the United States Marine Corps, Lieutenant Colonel Parker served as a Professor of English at various University of California campuses for more than 30 years. He was an avid golfer and reader, a member of the Sierra Club, and enjoyed traveling around the world. A great friend to the Department of English, our writing contests are named in his honor.

ELIGIBILITY

The James F. Parker Writing Contests are open to all currently enrolled UT-Austin undergraduate English majors and Creative Writing Certificate students.

CATEGORIES & INSTRUCTIONS

**Poetry Contest:**
An entry of up to 6 poems totaling no more than 5 pages. Poems are judged individually; however, winners may place only once in this category.

**Fiction Contest:**
A single entry with a maximum of 20 typed double-spaced pages.

**Literary Criticism Contest:**
A single literary criticism entry with a maximum of 15 typed double-spaced pages.

ELLEN ENGLER BURKS
Scholarship for Creative Writing

This scholarship was established in memory of Texas Exes Life Member Ellen Engler Burks, BA’99, by her parents, Gail and Chuck Engler, her husband, Jonathan Burks, and the other family and friends who love her and want her to always be remembered. After graduating from South Texas College of Law, she joined the firm of Powers and Frost, LLP, in Houston before her untimely death in 2007. Ellen will always be remembered for her unwavering love, her open ear, her beautiful smile, sparkling eyes, her strength and determination and her open heart. In keeping with Ellen’s passion for reading, research and writing, this scholarship will help students with a love for English complete his/her degree.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:
☐ be a United States citizen,
☐ be a UT-Austin English major,
☐ have a UT-Austin GPA of 2.75 or above,
☐ be classified as a senior during the 2016-2017 academic year,
☐ have an expected graduation date of May, 2017.
INSTRUCTIONS

To apply, submit one of the following:
Poetry: An entry of up to 6 poems totaling no more than 5 pages; or,
Fiction: A single entry with a maximum of 20 typed double-spaced pages; or,
Drama: A single entry with a maximum of 20 typed pages.

FANIA KRUGER
Fellowship in Writing

Fania Feldman Kruger was born in 1893 in Sevastapol, Russia, on the shores of the Black Sea. There, she was witness to atrocities committed by Cossack troops against her family and others. In fear for their safety, Fania’s family escaped to the United States in 1908. These experiences inform her poems, which address persecution, injustice, and terror; they also reveal an abiding love of family and Jewish culture. Through her poetry, Fania demonstrates a deep compassion for all humanity and a commitment to human rights. Later in life, Fania settled in Austin, Texas, and frequented courses and lectures on the UT-Austin campus. The Kruger Fellowship honors a student whose writing is characterized by the social vision that is the hallmark of Fania’s poems.

ELIGIBILITY

The Fania Kruger Fellowship in writing is open to currently enrolled UT-Austin graduate and undergraduate students.

INSTRUCTIONS

Submit an unpublished work of fiction or poetry characterized by its social vision. You may submit only one entry: up to 6 poems totaling no more than 5 pages, a short story, or novel excerpt.