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**WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY WRITING AWARD**

The National Defense University invites students to participate in the annual Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Writing Award competition. Regardless of major, students who write research papers as their thesis or as a regular assignment for any of their courses may submit them for consideration.

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

The WPS Selection Committee requires double‐spaced, typed papers between eight and twenty pages. Winning papers will have one or more of the following issues highlighted:

* Women and Conflict Resolution
* Protections for Women During and After Conflict
* Women’s Roles in Conflict Prevention
* Women’s Access to the Means for and Integration into Relief and Recovery
* National and International Stakeholders’ Respective Roles in Setting and Advancing the WPS Agenda
* National Defense Colleges and the Study of Women, Peace and Security

**GUIDELINES**

* Candidates are encouraged to revise papers before submitting them.
* Candidates need not be enrolled at NDU the semester when the award is made. (Papers written during the preceding spring/summer/fall are also eligible.)
* Candidates (or instructor with the consent of the student) may submit graded papers for submission to the WPS Selection Committee.
* Include a cover sheet with the student’s name, paper title and course number (and semester taken) for which the paper was originally written.
* Papers may be submitted to the WPS Selection Committee anytime during the year, but must be submitted no later than March 31st of each academic year for consideration.

**JUDGING & NOTIFICATION**

* Submissions will be read and judged by the WPS Selection Committee members.
* The winner will be notified in May of the academic year by a member of the WPS Selection Committee.

**AWARD**

* The winner will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement and a $500 gift card from the NDU Foundation, presented by the NDU President and NDU Foundation president in June of the academic year.

For further information, see your instructor, department chairperson, or one of the following WPS Selection Committee members:

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NDU will continue to support writing as a means of promoting awareness to WPS issues.