



## Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Scholarship

The Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Scholarship is a yearly competitive award that carries a \$1,000 scholarship and a reading by an editor from one of HMH's three hardcover imprints: Houghton Mifflin, Harcourt, or Clarion.

### Who is eligible?

- Students enrolled in the Hollins University Children's Literature MA or MFA summer programs, including incoming new students.
- Materials submitted must not be under consideration or contract at any Houghton Mifflin Harcourt imprint or any other publisher before or during the consideration or critique process.
- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt will have right of first refusal to publish the work.

### Judging:

- A committee of published alumni/ae will select the three top candidates, and the final winner will be chosen by that year's writer in residence.
- The winner will be asked to supply a copy of the entire work, which will receive a careful reading and consideration and a phone/email consultation with a Houghton Mifflin, Harcourt, or Clarion editor.
- The choice of editor and imprint is at the discretion of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. The method of communication with the winner is decided by the editor, as is the timeframe for the consultation.

### To apply:

- Work submitted must be from a completed manuscript for children or teens.
- Submit 20 pages of your manuscript with a complete synopsis of the rest of the work.
- Those submitting picture books should submit the entire book.
- Send your entries by email as attached Word documents to Amanda Cockrell, director of the Hollins University Graduate Program in Children's Literature, at [acockrell@hollins.edu](mailto:acockrell@hollins.edu). Put "Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Scholarship" in the subject line.
- Except for picture books, manuscripts must be double spaced in a clear, readable font (Courier or Times Roman), and must include page numbers.
- Put your name on the title page, but not on any other pages of your submission.
- The title should also appear on the first page of the submission.
- Deadline: March 1
- Winner will be announced by mid-May