The William Gilmore Simms Society

announces a

Student Contest

a writing contest for undergraduate and graduate students.
Interested students should submit research papers
on any aspect of the life and works of William Gilmore Simms (1806-1870),
the antebellum South’s most prolific writer and
one of its best-known public intellectuals
as a novelist, poet, critic, and historian.

Prizes

Three graduate prizes of $250 each (9-11 page papers)
Three undergraduate prizes of $150 each (7-9 page papers)
Opportunity to present at a professional scholarly conference
at the historic Woodlands plantation outside of Orangeburg, SC

In addition, the papers judged to be best in each category will be published in
The Simms Review, a refereed professional scholarly journal in literature, history, and philosophy.

***All look great on applications for jobs or graduate schools!***

Contest is open only to students enrolled in a university or college for the fall of 2014.

Students must read their papers at the conference in order to be eligible for prizes and publication.
Students will read papers September 26 and 27, 2014

Complete research papers, documented in MLA style, should be submitted by email on or before April 15, 2014 to Dr. Kevin Collins at kevin.collins@swosu.edu. Questions about the conference and the contest should be directed to the same address. Writers of papers that are accepted for the conference will be informed by email on or before July 15, 2014, and conference registration and fees must be received by August 15, 2014.

Large selections of full text searchable Simms works can be accessed free on The Simms Initiatives, a website sponsored by the University of South Carolina and the Watson-Brown Foundation: http://simms.library.sc.edu/

A special conference rate of $50 is available for students who are presenting, which includes a banquet, a program, a one-year membership in the Simms Society, and a copy of volume 23 of The Simms Review in 2015, in which the winning papers will be published.