

# 2018

# Mireyda Barraza Martinez Prizes for Social Justice Writing

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## Deadline: Monday, March 5, 2018

## ABOUT THE PRIZES

The Mireyda Barraza Martinez Prizes for Social Justice will be awarded annually by the Creative Writing Program in memory of the poet and social justice advocate Mireyda “Mia” Barraza Martinez, a Fresno State graduate student who died in an auto accident in November 2016, one semester away from earning her Master of Fine Arts degree.

Two \$100 awards will be given annually, one to a graduate student and one to an undergraduate. The recipients will be selected on the basis of an excellent piece of writing in any genre that addresses some aspect of social justice.

A Xicana and daughter of farmworkers who grew up in East Porterville, California, Barraza Martinez earned her B.A. in English from Fresno State in 2014. She served as a graduate artist in the Laureate Lab Visual Words Studio, studying with Juan Felipe Herrera. She was an organizer with the Chicana Writers and Artists Association, and she was politically active in the local community, particularly for the rights of undocumented students.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

**Submit three poems, and/or one short story, and/or one essay to:**

Jefferson Beavers, Creative Writing Program staff,  
jbeavers@mail.fresnostate.edu

Submissions accepted via email only. Submissions should be .doc or .pdf attachments only, NOT in the body of the email or in other formats. On a cover sheet, please include your name, date of birth, mailing address, phone number, and email address. Include your name on each poem or prose piece. Include “(Grad or Undergrad) Social Justice Prize” in your subject line.

Submissions in multiple genres are allowed. Send each submission separately. You MUST be a currently enrolled student at Fresno State to win. Call 559.278.1569 if you have questions.