The Ira Berlin Writing Award honors a Scholar who has demonstrated excellence in writing during their freshman or sophomore year. Submissions may be made from the fields of technical or creative writing. Please note that poetry submissions require at least three samples.

Nominations may be made by any member of the College Park Scholars community, including faculty, staff, instructors, Resident Life officials, and students. Self-nominations are encouraged. This award carries a scholarship in the amount of $300.

Applicants must be in good academic standing and cleared for their College Park Scholars citation by their program faculty no later than July 15, 2016.

To apply, applicants must:

- Submit copies of their résumé and an unofficial transcript.
- Submit a writing sample from a course that counts toward their College Park Scholars citation (e.g., colloquia, ENGL 101, CPSP courses, and/or supporting courses).
  - The writing sample must be free of any instructor comments or grades.
- Submit an essay of no more than two pages, discussing writers or publications that have been influential for the applicant, and describing how their Scholars experience has had an impact on their writing.
- Provide contact information for at least one reference, a campus faculty or staff member, who can attest to their merits for the award (a letter of recommendation is not required.)

Applicants are limited to one submission (or a packet of three poetry submissions).

Deadline:
All application materials must be emailed to jcadet1@umd.edu by 11:59pm on August 15, 2016.