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Music  Laurence M. Oden
Lifetime Achievement  Lee and Pup McCarty

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Nonfiction  Stephen Ambrose
Visual Art  Valerie Jaudon
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Fiction  Wylene Dunbar
Nonfiction  Will D. Campbell
Visual Art  William Dunlap
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Music  James Sclater
Poetry  John Stone

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Nonfiction  Edward Cohen
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Music  Luigi Zaninelli
Poetry  D. C. Berry
Lifetime Achievement  Leontyne Price
Citation of Merit  University Press of Mississippi

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Fiction  Howard Bahr
Nonfiction  Jeff Durstewitz and Ruth Williams
Visual Art  Collier B. Parker
Photography  Eudora Welty
Poetry  Natasha Trethewey

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Visual Art  Sheila Stott Gourlay
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Music  Michael Kimber
Poetry  Brooks Haxton

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Visual Arts  Gwendolyn Magee
Artists  Jack Kotz
Photography  Samuel Jones
Music  James Sclater
Poetry  Natasha Trethewey
Lifetime Achievement  Mimi Garrard and James Seawright

2004
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Music  Logan Skelton
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Lifetime Achievement  Shelby Foote

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Fiction  Margaret McMullan
Nonfiction  Timothy B. Smith
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Music (Classical) | James S. Sclater
Music (Contemp.) | Fish Michie and Kristian Dambrino
Nonfiction | Jason Morgan Ward
Photography | David Wharton
Poetry | Catherine Pierce
Visual Arts | Carlyle Wolfe
Citation of Merit | Thacker Mountain Radio
Special Achievement | Nan Sanders
Lifetime Achievement | Jere Allen Samuel Jones

2018
Fiction | Michael Knight
Music (Classical) | James S. Sclater
Music (Contemp.) | Shannon McNally
Nonfiction | John T. Edge
Photography | Jack Spencer
Poetry | Molly McCully Brown
Visual Arts | Charlie Buckley
Special Achievement | The Mississippi Encyclopedia
Lifetime Achievement | Robert Ivy Andrew Cary Young

2019
Fiction | Tiffany Quay Tyson
Music (Classical) | Steve Rouse
Music (Contemp.) | John Milham
Nonfiction | Julian Rankin
Photography | Rory Doyle
Poetry | Aimee Nezhukumatathil
Visual Arts | Coulter Fussell
Citation of Merit | Square Books
Lifetime Achievement | John Ruskey

2020
Fiction | Minrose Gwin
Nonfiction | Margaret McMullan
Music (Classical) | Steve Rouse
Music (Contemp.) | Bark (Susan and Tim Lee)
Photography | Will Jacks
Poetry | C. T. Salazar
Visual Arts | Stacey Salazar
Youth Literature | Angie Thomas
Citation of Merit | Lemuria Bookstore
Special Achievement | Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival
Lifetime Achievement | Ann J. Abadie

2021
Fiction | Odie Lindsey
Nonfiction | Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.
Music (Classical) | James Sclater
Music (Contemp.) | Steve Azar
Photography | Andrea Morales
Poetry | Catherine Pierce
Visual Arts | Cathy Hegman
Youth Literature | Deborah Wiles
Lifetime Achievement | Rea Hederman

2022
Fiction | Becky Hagenston
Nonfiction | W. Ralph Eubanks
Life Writing | Teresa Nicholas
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Music (Contemp.) | Christone “Kingfish” Ingram
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Note: Music Awards are for music composition.