

New Mexico State University
Department of English
Scholarships and Awards for Graduate Students

Fall 2018

INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the scholarships and awards that the English Department offers for our graduate students. You can learn more about the various awards we offer here:

<https://english.nmsu.edu/resources/scholarships-awards/>.

To be eligible for our Fall awards, you must be enrolled at NMSU during the semester of the application *and* the semester immediately following. You must also submit a separate application to the NMSU Scholar Dollar\$ system, which you can find here: <https://scholarships.nmsu.edu/>.

To be considered for these awards, you must submit an application packet that includes *all* of the following:

1. One **information sheet** (included in this packet). This information will help us determine your eligibility for some of the scholarships. It will also give us the information we need to contact you in case we need additional information.
2. One **application form** (also included here), indicating clearly which scholarships you are applying for. When you apply for an award, you are affirming that you meet its eligibility requirements.
3. Any **supplemental materials** required by any of the scholarships for which you are applying (writing samples, cover letters, etc.), as indicated on the application form.
4. Your current **resume/cv**, which should include your outstanding academic, professional, and personal achievements as well as your degree program, GPA, and credit hours earned *in your current degree program*.

Submit your application packet to the English Department by 5:00 pm on **Monday, Oct. 29**. Electronic submissions are welcome and can be submitted via email attachment to Susan Enger, psshse@nmsu.edu.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come by the English Department office (Clara Belle Williams Hall, room 132) or call 575-646-3931.

Winners will be announced at the English Department Scholarship and Awards Luncheon on Friday, Nov. 30.

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INFORMATION SHEET

1. Please provide your contact information.

Name: _____ Banner ID: _____

Current Address: _____

Current Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

2. The English Department awards scholarships based on academic performance. Some of the scholarships have additional requirements. Please tell us more about yourself, so we can determine your eligibility for some of these awards.

Were you born in New Mexico? YES NO

For purposes of tuition, are you a New Mexico resident? YES NO

Are you a U.S. citizen? YES NO

If not, are you a U.S. resident? YES NO

Are you eligible for financial aid this year (via FAFSA)? YES NO

Are you a returning student? YES NO

Are you female? YES NO

What graduate program are you enrolled in?
(e.g., PhD, MA Lit, MFA-fiction, etc.) _____

What is your GPA in your current program? _____

How many credit hours have you earned *in this program*? _____

Do you currently have a Graduate Assistantship? YES NO

Are you currently receiving other assistance from
the Graduate School? YES NO

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APPLICATION FORM

Please indicate below the awards for which you intend to apply. By applying for an award you are affirming that you meet its eligibility requirements. **Attach any additional required materials for specific awards here.** More information about the awards can be found online at <https://english.nmsu.edu/resources/scholarships-awards/>. Please contact the English Department main office with any questions: CBW 132, 646-3931.

Charles M. and Pamela S. Sphar Endowed Scholarship _____

- Outstanding female graduate student in the Department of English
- Minimum GPA 3.0
- Financial need

Please submit:

- 300-word statement describing your current educational expense needs and how this award would be used to meet them, especially those not met by current funding from the department or the university.

Elizabeth Jane Wichert Endowed Memorial Scholarship _____

- Outstanding graduate student(s) in English

English Department Research and Creative Activities Award _____

- One or more graduate students(s), for expenses related to research or creative activities

Please submit:

- 1- to 2-page proposal: title; one-paragraph explanation of research/creative agenda; name of supervising faculty member; itemized budget

Frank Waters Fiction Fellowship _____

- Three outstanding students in the MFA program in Creative Writing-Fiction

Please submit:

- Short story or novel excerpt of no more than 20 pages, not submitted for any other award

Sutherland-McManus Scholarship for Literary Criticism _____

- Writer of an outstanding work of literary criticism

Please submit:

- A work of literary criticism written for an English class since the date one year prior to the submission deadline

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Sutherland-McManus Scholarship for Non-Fiction Prose _____

- Writer of an outstanding work of non-fiction prose (excluding literary criticism)

Please submit:

- A work of nonfiction prose (excluding literary criticism) written for an English class since the date one year prior to the submission deadline

Emerson Award _____

- Recognizes outstanding writing by an English graduate student
- Awarded to one of the two Sutherland-McManus recipients; no separate application required

Stuart C. Brown Award for Excellence in Writing and Teaching _____

- Outstanding student(s) in the Rhetoric and Professional Communication MA or PhD programs
- Must be a GA currently teaching a course in rhetoric, composition, or professional communication
- Strong evidence of successful teaching; evidence that theory and research inform the applicant's teaching philosophy and practice; evidence that the applicant has contributed to the Writing Program; evidence that the applicant can position their work in the field and make a contribution

Please submit:

- Cover letter (no more than 500 words)
- Teaching philosophy
- Updated vita
- Sample of work relevant to the field, such as an essay, article, or presentation (single-author)

Verna Newman Rule Endowed Memorial Scholarship _____

- Awarded to the Masters and Doctoral students with the highest GPA
- Number of credit hours completed in the current program may be used as a tie-breaker

Wilson/Somoza Poetry Fellowship *and*

Poetry of Society of America's Ruth Scott Award _____

- Three outstanding students in the MFA program in Creative Writing-Poetry

Please submit:

- 3 to 5 poems, no more than 10 pages total (same submission for both awards)