

New Mexico State University
Department of English
Scholarships and Awards for Graduate Students
Fall 2019

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 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. You must also submit a separate application to the NMSU Scholar Dollar\$ system, which you can find using Chrome Browser here: <https://scholarships.nmsu.edu/>.

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

1. One **information sheet** (included here). 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 **list of available awards** (included here), indicating clearly for which awards you are applying. When you apply for an award, you are affirming that you meet its eligibility requirements. Financial need scholarships **REQUIRE a current FAFSA**.
3. Any **supplemental materials** required by any of the scholarships for which you are applying (writing samples, cover letters, etc.), as indicated. **PLEASE SUBMIT ONE SIDE PRINTING ONLY.**

Submit your completed documents in a 9"x12" envelope (available in the Department Office, Rm 132) to the English Department by 5:00 pm on **Friday, October 25, 2019**. 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 honored at the English Department Scholarship and Awards Luncheon on **Friday, December 6, 2019**.

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INFORMATION SHEET

1. Please provide your contact information.

Name: _____ Banner ID: _____

Current Address: _____

Current Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

2. Please answer the following to help us determine your eligibility for specific awards:

Have you completed a **2019-2020 Scholar Dollar\$ Application** online? 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

Do you identify as female? YES NO

In which graduate program are you enrolled?
(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 assistance from
the Graduate School? YES NO

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Graduate Awards

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.** 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 (FAFSA)

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

Ruth Scott Poetry Award _____

- Outstanding student in the MFA program in Creative Writing-Poetry

Please submit:

- 3 to 5 poems, no more than 10 pages total

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 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 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 additional material 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 students with the highest GPA
- Number of credit hours completed in the current program may be used as a tie-breaker