

John F. Wilhelm Memorial Scholarship

Professor John F. Wilhelm was a professor in the English department for over thirty years. This scholarship was established to commemorate Professor Wilhelm's dedication to teaching and his deep interest in educating future teachers. The scholarship is designed to recognize and encourage a senior English major who plans to teach English and/or American Studies at the high school or community college level.

Availability

When offered applications are accepted for this scholarship in Spring -- to be awarded in Fall.

Award

\$500

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria the semester the scholarship is awarded:

- must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and 3.3 in major coursework
- must be undergraduate English or American Studies majors with a minimum of 90 units completed toward graduation (senior standing)
- must be enrolled at least half-time (6+ units)
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How to Apply

Applicants must submit all of the following materials to Calaveras 103 by the department deadline:

- English department [Scholarship Applicant Information Form](#)
- [Wilhelm Memorial Scholarship Application Form](#)
- A double-spaced statement of purpose describing candidate's career objectives and reasons for choosing teaching as a profession
- at least two (but no more than four) recommendation letters from CSUS English professors
- a brief resume outlining accomplishments at CSUS; relevant activities and services to the English department, classmates, and community; and any work in progress
- official transcripts for all college coursework
- a list of any coursework in progress

JOHN F. WILHELM SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

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Name: _____

Academic Rank: _____

Cumulative CSUS GPA: _____

GPA in English: _____

To compute the GPA in English, use the mathematical formula established by the University (A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, etc.). Add these numbers for each English course, then divide by the number of English classes completed.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 gives students the right to inspect letters of recommendation written in support of applications for admission or fellowship. The law also permits students to waive that right if they choose, although such a waiver cannot be a condition of admission or award. If you wish to waive your right to examine the letters of recommendation submitted with this application form, please sign below.

I waive my legal right to inspect the letters of recommendation submitted with this application. I understand that I am not required to waive this right to apply for or win this award.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

In addition to this form, applicants must also compile and attach each of the following:

- A typed, double-spaced **statement of purpose** describing the applicant's career objectives and reason for choosing teaching as a profession.
 - At least two, but no more than four, **recommendation letters** from faculty members in the English department. Letters must be submitted in sealed envelopes.
 - Official transcripts** for all college coursework.
 - A brief **resume** outlining accomplishments at CSUS; relevant activities and services to the English department, classmates, and community; and any work in progress.
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Submit all of the above materials, along with any supplementary materials required by the department, to Calaveras 103 by the department deadline. For more information about this and other scholarships, and for the submission deadline, please visit www.csus.edu/engl/scholar.htm.

English Department Scholarships

<http://www.csus.edu/engl/scholarships.html>

FALL - APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

Please provide us with the following identification and contact information. This form supplements the information collected with the award-specific application materials; it does not replace any award-specific application forms. The information collected on this form will help us notify you if you win an award. **Please fill out a separate form for each scholarship application you submit.**

Name: _____

SID: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Please indicate the scholarship for which you are applying:

- John F. Wilhelm Memorial Scholarship
- Katherine Hohlwein Poetry Award of Merit
- Karen Lee Warmdahl Memorial Scholarship
- Literary Insight Award
- Elizabeth Keith Olmstead & John and Kathryn von Saltza Memorial Scholarship
- Patrick Michael Ewing Memorial Scholarship
- Hortense Simmons Study Abroad Scholarship
- Robert G Mino Memorial Writing Contest
- Ray Brankline and Paulette Gray English Scholarship
- Theresa Mary McCourt Memorial Scholarship

All Fall scholarship applications must be submitted to the department office (Calaveras 103) by 4pm on the day of the deadline. Award winners will be recognized at the department's annual graduation ceremony in May.