

2016 DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AWARDS

The MSU Department of English congratulates the following students for their excellence in the study of language, literature, writing, and/or English education.

Norman Adams Award / \$400 — For an undergraduate English major who demonstrates excellence in English language or literature studies:

Courtney Bougie

Eddice B. Barber English Education Award / \$800 — For an undergraduate English education major who will student-teach during the upcoming Fall or Spring term:

John Williams

Robert L. Carothers Award / \$100 — For a student who demonstrates excellence in writing:

Brooke Lodien

Jane F. Earley American Literature Scholarship — No award given

Film Studies Scholarship / \$1000 — For a continuing undergraduate Film and Media Studies major or Film Studies minor:

Michael Jeffrey

Harold Fitterer Award / \$1000 — For a junior in English Education with the highest GPA:

Elizabeth Becker

Dr. Ronald Gower Scholarship / \$500 — For students who contribute to the promotion and development of Creative Writing in the larger community:

Tyler Barton

Innovation in Teaching Award / \$200 — For graduate students teaching composition who demonstrate excellence and innovation in curriculum design or teaching practice:

Melissa Hall

Kate MacLam

William A. Payne Memorial Endowment / \$900 — For an undergraduate who demonstrates good character:

Melissa Donner

Brian Sether Memorial Scholarship — No award given

Raymond & Florence Sponberg Scholarship / \$500 — For a female graduate student in her second or third semester:

Alisa Wuest

Marcia Thompson Award / \$500 — For an accomplished undergraduate major pursuing a career in English Education:

John Williams

Robert C. Wright Awards / \$1000 / \$750 / \$500 — Three awards for undergraduate and graduate students whose writing samples are deemed to be the best by an outside judge:

1st — Amanda Malone

2nd — Nigel Wright

3rd — Christopher David Hopkins

Honorable Mentions — James A. Figy, Brianna Klugherz, Claire Moran

Youel Award — No award given

2015-2016 Outstanding English Graduate Student Award / \$300 — For a graduate student in the last year of his/her program who has demonstrated outstanding professional activity during his/her graduate career at MSU:

Michael Torres

2015-2016 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award / \$200 — For an adjunct faculty member who models commitment to continued growth as a teacher:

Heidi Burns

Katy Clay

2015 DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AWARDS

The MSU Department of English congratulates the following students for their excellence in the study of language, literature, writing, and/or English education.

Norman Adams Award / \$300 — For an undergraduate English major who demonstrates excellence in English language or literature studies:

Jordan Farmer

Eddice B. Barber English Education Award — No award given

Robert L. Carothers Award / \$100 — For a student who demonstrates excellence in writing:

Molly Kessler

Jane F. Earley American Literature Scholarship / \$2500 — For excellent student work in American literature, based upon both work completed and the potential of work to come:

Elizabeth Mouw

English Major Scholarship / \$3000 — For a continuing undergraduate English major who demonstrates financial need:

Melissa Donner

Film Studies Scholarship — No award given

Harold Fitterer Award / \$1000 — For a junior in English Education with the highest GPA:

Sarah Palmer

Dr. Ronald Gower Scholarship / \$500 — For students who contribute to the promotion and development of Creative Writing in the larger community:

Thomas Delano

Clair Rogers

Innovation in Teaching Award / \$200 — For graduate students teaching composition who demonstrate excellence and innovation in curriculum design or teaching practice:

Eric Blix

Thomas Delano

William A. Payne Memorial Endowment — Award given by Department of Music in 2015

Brian Sether Memorial Scholarship — No award given

Raymond & Florence Sponberg Scholarship / \$500 — For a female graduate student in her second or third semester:

Nigina Boltaeva

Marcia Thompson Award / \$500 — For an accomplished undergraduate major pursuing a career in English Education:

Riley Hicklin

Robert C. Wright Awards / \$1000 / \$750 / \$500 — Three awards for undergraduate and graduate students whose writing samples are judged to be the best by an outside judge:

1st — Taylor Tolchin

2nd — Kate MacLam

3rd — Justin Eells

Honorable Mention — Thomas Delano

Youel Award / \$1000 — For an outstanding graduating major whose achievement predicts an outstanding future career

Amanda Fox

2014-2015 Outstanding English Graduate Student Award / \$300 — For a graduate student in the last year of his/her program who has demonstrated outstanding professional activity during his/her graduate career at MSU:

Elizabeth Horneber

2014 Department of English Awards

The MSU Department of English congratulates the following students for their excellence in the study of language, literature, film, writing, and/or English education.

Undergraduate Students

Norman Adams Award – \$200

For an undergraduate major who demonstrates excellence in English language or literature studies:

Rachael Igo

Eddice B. Barber Award – \$700

For an undergraduate English teaching major:

Jonathan Hines

English Major Scholarship – \$2000

For a current English major who demonstrates financial need:

Kelly Firkins

Film Studies Scholarship – \$1000

For a continuing undergraduate Film Studies minor (any major)::

Catherine Penning

Harold Fitterer Award – \$800

For a junior in English Education with the highest GPA:

Holly Vogt

William A. Payne Memorial Endowment – \$800

Awarded in alternate years to a student in Music and to a student in English:

Jessica Oren

Brian Sether Memorial Scholarship – \$300

For a faculty-nominated English, Speech or Open Studies major with interdisciplinary and community interests:

None

Marcia Thompson Award – \$400

For an accomplished undergraduate major pursuing a career in English Education:

Jessica Oren

Youel English Award I – \$350

For a graduating senior with an English major who is preparing for a career in teaching, writing, or graduate work in an area of English language and literature:

Kelly Firkins

Youel English Award II – \$350

For a graduating senior with a major or minor in English; eligibility is restricted to those planning to enter a non-teaching profession outside the field of English language/literature:

Hadier Ali Jassim

Graduate Students

Innovation in Teaching Award – \$250

For graduate students teaching composition who have demonstrated excellence and innovation in curriculum design or teaching practice:

Lindsay O'Brien Lora Strey

2013-2014 Outstanding English Graduate Student Award – \$350

For a peer-nominated graduate student in the last year of his or her program who has demonstrated outstanding professional activity during his or her graduate career at MSU:

Deanna Larsen

Raymond & Florence Sponberg Scholarship – \$400

For an outstanding female graduate student in English who has formally submitted her Plan of Study and who is in either her second or third semester of study at the time of application:

Teagan Schmidt

Undergraduate or Graduate Students

Jane F. Earley American Literature Award – \$2000

For an English major with excellent work in American literature, based upon both work completed and the potential of work to come:

David Puthoff

Dr. Ronald Gower Scholarship – \$500

For students who contribute to the promotion and development of Creative Writing in the larger community:

Deanna Larsen Lindsay O'Brien

Writing Awards

Robert L. Carothers Award – \$100

For an undergraduate who has demonstrated excellence in writing:

None

Robert C. Wright Awards

Three awards for continuing undergraduate and graduate students whose writing samples are judged to be the best by an outside judge:

1st —Yer Thao 2nd —Carrie Gagne 3rd —Justin Eells

Honorable Mention —Dennis Scott Herbert

2013 Department of English Awards

The MSU Department of English congratulates the following students for their excellence in the study of language, literature, writing, and/or English education.

Undergraduate Students

Norman Adams Award – \$300

For an undergraduate major who demonstrates excellence in English language or literature studies:

Callie Schultze

Eddice B. Barber Award – \$700

For an undergraduate English teaching major:

Kaitlyn Rygwall

Film Studies Scholarship – \$1000

For a continuing undergraduate Film Studies minor (any major)::

Bruce Thole

Harold Fitterer Award – \$800

For a junior in English Education with the highest GPA:

Jessica Oren – and – Erika Gustafson

William A. Payne Memorial Endowment

Awarded in alternate years to a student in Music and to a student in English:

Awarded within the Music Department this year

Brian Sether Memorial Scholarship

For a faculty-nominated English, Speech or Open Studies major with interdisciplinary and community interests:

Kelly Firkins

Marcia Thompson Award – \$400

For an accomplished undergraduate major pursuing a career in English Education:

Cindy Borth

Youel English Award I – \$350

For a graduating senior with an English major who is preparing for a career in teaching, writing, or graduate work in an area of English language and literature:

Teagan Schmidt

Youel English Award II – \$350

For a graduating senior with a major or minor in English; eligibility is restricted to those planning to enter a non-teaching profession outside the field of English language/literature:

Sara Hewitt

English Major Scholarship

For a current English major who demonstrates financial need:

Kelly Firkins

Graduate Students

2012-2013 Outstanding English Graduate Student Award

For a peer-nominated graduate student in the last year of his or her program who has demonstrated outstanding professional activity during his or her graduate career at MSU:

Angela Mullen

Raymond & Florence Sponberg Scholarship

For an outstanding female graduate student in English who has formally submitted her Plan of Study and who is in either her second or third semester of study at the time of application:

Ellen Zamarripa

Undergraduate or Graduate Students

Jane F. Earley American Literature Award – \$2000

For an English major with excellent work in American literature, based upon both work completed and the potential of work to come:

Ellen Zamarripa

Robert C. Wright Awards

Three awards for continuing undergraduate and graduate students whose writing samples are judged to be the best by an outside judge:

1st —Alicia Catt 2nd —Jacob Little 3rd —Deanna Larsen

Honorable Mention —Debbie Ernie

Writing Awards

Robert L. Carothers Award – \$100

For an undergraduate who has demonstrated excellence in writing:

Charlotte Burke

Composition Merit Award

For excellent English 100 and English 101 papers:

1st — Maria Vignati 2nd — Ezra Smith 3rd — Chris Bertrand

Honorable Mention: Katie Roemhildt

2012 Department of English Awards

The MSU Department of English congratulates the following students for their excellence in the study of language, literature, writing, and/or English education.

Norman Adams Award – \$300

For an undergraduate major who demonstrates excellence in English language or literature studies:

Charisse Danker

Eddice B. Barber Award-None Awarded

For an undergraduate English teaching major:

Jane F. Earley American Literature Award – \$2500

For an English major with excellent work in American literature:

Angela Zoller-Baker

Harold Fitterer Award – \$1,000

For a junior in English Education with the highest GPA:

Janelle Townley

Raymond & Florence Sponberg Scholarship – \$400

For a female graduate student in her second or third semester:

Lindsay O'Brien

Marcia Thompson Award – \$600

For an accomplished undergraduate major pursuing a career in English Education:

Kelly Firkins

Robert C. Wright Awards – \$1,000, \$750, and \$500

Three awards for undergraduate and graduate students whose writing samples are judged to be the best by an outside judge:

1st —Brett Biebel 2nd —Samantha Ten Eyck 3rd —Alicia Catt

Honorable Mention —Mary Eileen Sather, Angela Mullen and Nicholas Reller

Youel English Award I - None Awarded

For a graduating English major preparing for a career teaching or writing, or who will pursue graduate work in English.

Youel English Award II – \$750

Maria Caridad Cruz Valadez

Composition Merit Award – \$200, \$100, \$50

For excellent English 100 and English 101 papers:

1st — Samuel Watts 2nd — Joshua Kuehn 3rd — Alicia Armstrong

Honorable Mentions: Samuel Cook, Gabriel Wolfe, and Kayla Patterson

2010-2011 Outstanding English Graduate Student Award – \$350

For a graduate student in the last year of his/her program who has demonstrated outstanding professional activity during his/her graduate career at MSU:

Sarah Johnson

Robert L. Carothers Award – \$100

For an undergraduate demonstrating excellence in writing:

TBA

[PDF] **English Major / Film Studies Scholarship - \$1,000** (154 KiB)

Awarded to a continuing undergraduate English major/Film Studies minor:

William Pestka

Toy Wilson Blethen Fine Arts Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievement in music, visual arts, creative writing, and theatre. Work meriting award consideration is judged to be at a level worthy of exposure in major regional concert halls, galleries, publications, and theatres. Award traditionally goes to a graduating creative writing student whose body of work produced while at MSU Mankato (thesis included) meets or exceeds this standard:

Sarah Johnson

2011 Department of English Awards

The MSU Department of English congratulates the following students for their excellence in the study of language, literature, writing, and/or English education.

Norman Adams Award – \$150

For an undergraduate major who demonstrates excellence in English language or literature studies:

Desiree Diaz

Eddice B. Barber Award – \$550

For an undergraduate English teaching major:

Emily Gilmore

Jane F. Earley American Literature Award – \$1900

For an English major with excellent work in American literature:

Gretchen Kratochwill

Harold Fitterer Award – \$550

For a junior in English Education with the highest GPA:

Sara Borchert

Raymond & Florence Sponberg Scholarship – \$350

For a female graduate student in her second or third semester:

Ashley Portra

Marcia Thompson Award – \$300

For an accomplished undergraduate major pursuing a career in English Education:

Caitlyn Steffl

Robert C. Wright Awards – \$800, \$500, and \$300

Three awards for undergraduate and graduate students whose writing samples are judged to be the best by an outside judge:

1st — Rhea Davison-Edwards 2nd — Logan Garrels 3rd — Clint Edwards

Honorable Mention — Angela Mullen

Youel English Award I – \$275

Alesha Sullivan

Youel English Award II – \$275

Jenny Rogers

Composition Merit Award – \$200, \$100, \$50

For excellent English 100 and English 101 papers:

1st — Joshua Anderson 2nd — Alyssa Albrecht 3rd — Alexander Mozey

2010-2011 Outstanding English Graduate Student Award – \$350

For a graduate student in the last year of his/her program who has demonstrated outstanding professional activity during his/her graduate career at MSU:

Lisa Lamor

Robert L. Carothers Award – \$100

For an undergraduate demonstrating excellence in writing:

TBA

2010 Department of English Awards

The MSU Department of English congratulates the following students for their excellence in the study of language, literature, writing, and/or English education.

Norman Adams Award – \$150

For an undergraduate major who demonstrates excellence in English language or literature studies:

Hilary Battey

Robert L. Carothers Writers Award – \$100

For an undergraduate enrolled in a 200-level or above creative writing course:

Daniel DeWolf

Harold Fitterer Award – \$450

For a junior in English Education with the highest GPA:

Emily Gilmore

Raymond & Florence Sponberg Scholarship – \$300

For a female graduate student in her second or third semester:

Kara Garbe

Marcia Thompson Award – \$300

For an accomplished undergraduate major pursuing a career in English Education:

Jacy Sehm

Robert C. Wright Awards – \$800, \$500, and \$400

Three awards for undergraduate and graduate students whose writing samples are judged to be the best by an outside judge:

1st — Kara Garbe 2nd — Clint Edwards 3rd — Heather Elliot

Honorable Mention — Sarah Johnson

Youel English Award I – \$550

Emily Bartz

Composition Merit Award – \$200, \$150, \$100

For excellent English 100 and English 101 papers:

Karielle J Moe

Nathanael Rhody

Lee Ann Emily Knutson

2007-2008 Outstanding English Graduate Student Award – \$300

For a graduate student in the last year of his/her program who has demonstrated outstanding professional activity during his/her graduate career at MSU:

Paula Schevers Corinne Ehrfurth

2009 Department of English Awards

The MSU Department of English congratulates the following students for their excellence in the study of language, literature, writing, and/or English education.

Norman Adams Award – \$150

For an undergraduate major who demonstrates excellence in English language or literature studies:

Emily Bartz

Robert L. Carothers Writers Award – \$100

For an undergraduate enrolled in a 200-level or above technical communication course:

Jacob Bohrod

Harold Fitterer Award – \$400

For a junior in English Education with the highest GPA:

Leah Schmidt

Raymond & Florence Sponberg Scholarship – \$300

For a female graduate student in her second or third semester:

Sarah Zenk-Blossom

Marcia Thompson Award – \$350

For an accomplished undergraduate major pursuing a career in English Education:

Laura Januschka

Robert C. Wright Awards – \$800, \$500, and \$400

Three awards for undergraduate and graduate students whose writing samples are judged to be the best by an outside judge:

1st — Amanda Schumacher 2nd — Lesley Arimah 3rd — Heather Elliot

Honorable Mention — Seth Calvert

Youel English Award I – \$300

Nahum Welang

Youel English Award II – \$300

For a graduating major or minor preparing for a career outside of teaching or writing, and who will not pursue graduate work in English language or literature:

Allison Crowley

Composition Merit Award – \$200, \$150, \$100

For excellent English 100 and English 101 papers:

Jenna Sorenson

Zach Smith

Clayton Kozan

2007-2008 Outstanding English Graduate Student Award – \$300

For a graduate student in the last year of his/her program who has demonstrated outstanding professional activity during his/her graduate career at MSU:

Ahmet Dursun

2008 Department of English Awards

The MSU Department of English congratulates the following students for their excellence in the study of language, literature, writing, and/or English education.

Norman Adams Award – \$240

For an undergraduate major who demonstrates excellence in English language or literature studies:

Emily Bartz

Eddice B. Barber English Education Award – \$800

For an undergraduate English Education major who will student-teach during the upcoming fall or spring terms:

Nick Rice

Robert L. Carothers Writers Award – \$100

For an undergraduate enrolled in a 200-level or above technical communication course:

Brent Pearson

Harold Fitterer Award – \$400

For a junior in English Education with the highest GPA:

Laura Januschka

William A. Payne Memorial Endowment – \$900

For an undergraduate English major who demonstrates financial need and good character:

Nahum Welang

Brian Sether Memorial Scholarship – \$200

For support of an undergraduate writing student with interdisciplinary and community interests:

Nick Rice

Raymond & Florence Sponberg Scholarship – \$500

For a female graduate student in her second or third semester:

Diana Agudelo Cruz

Marcia Thompson Award – \$450

For an accomplished undergraduate major pursuing a career in English Education:

Jenna Vogel

Robert C. Wright Awards – \$1000, \$750, and \$500

Three awards for undergraduate and graduate students whose writing samples are judged to be the best by an outside judge:

1st — Lindsay Schacht 2nd — Jorge Evans 3rd — Dan DeWolf

Honorable Mention — Lesley Arimah

Youel English Award 2 – \$400

For a graduating major or minor preparing for a career outside of teaching or writing, and who will not pursue graduate work in English language or literature:

Kristen Manship

Composition Merit Award – \$50

For excellent English 100 and English 101 papers:

Stacy Richter

Souk Phaengkhouane

Elise Wolf

2007-2008 Outstanding English Graduate Student Award – \$300

For a graduate student in the last year of his/her program who has demonstrated outstanding professional activity during his/her graduate career at MSU:

Jessica Benjamin

2007 Department of English Awards

The MSU Department of English congratulates the following students for their excellence in the study of language, literature, writing, and/or English education.

Norman Adams Award – \$230

For an undergraduate major who demonstrates excellence in English language or literature studies:

Nataly Giammona

Eddice B. Barber English Education Award – \$800

For an undergraduate English Education major who will student-teach during the upcoming fall or spring terms:

Dana Paasch

Robert L. Carothers Writers Award – \$100

For an undergraduate enrolled in a 200-level or above technical communication course:

Nathan J. Madden

Harold Fitterer Award – \$400

For a junior in English Education with the highest GPA:

Ashley Topp

Brian Sether Memorial Scholarship – \$300

For support of an undergraduate writing student with interdisciplinary and community interests:

Jenna Vogel

Raymond & Florence Sponberg Scholarship – \$500

For a female graduate student in her second or third semester:

Nickie Kranz

Marcia Thompson Award – \$450

For an accomplished undergraduate major pursuing a career in English Education:

Rene Rasmussen

Robert C. Wright Awards – \$1000, \$750, and \$500

Three awards for undergraduate and graduate students whose writing samples are judged to be the best by an outside judge:

1st — Luke Rolfes 2nd — Antoinette K. Cole 3rd — David Clisbee

Honorable Mention — Bayo Mustapha

Youel English Award 1 – \$300

For a graduating major preparing for a career in teaching or writing, or who will pursue graduate work in English language or literature:

Lisa Sikkink

Youel English Award 2 – \$300

For a graduating major or minor preparing for a career outside of teaching or writing, and who will not pursue graduate work in English language or literature:

Zachariah Wesley

Composition Merit Award – \$50

Abigail Klatt

Cassandra Bjork

Bryan Petzel

2006 Department of English Awards

The MSU Department of English congratulates the following students for their excellence in the study of language, literature, writing, and/or English education.

Norman Adams Award – \$230

For an undergraduate major who demonstrates excellence in English language or literature studies:

Jacalyn Adema

Eddice B. Barber English Education Award – \$800

For an undergraduate English Education major who will student-teach during the upcoming fall or spring terms:

Joan Logue

Robert L. Carothers Writers Award – \$100

For an undergraduate enrolled in a 200-level or above technical communication course:

Mike Goracke

Harold Fitterer Award – \$400

For a junior in English Education with the highest GPA:

Renee Rasmussen

William A. Payne Memorial Award – \$900

For an undergraduate major who can demonstrate financial need and good character:

Evelyn Kuball

Brian Sether Memorial Scholarship – \$300

For support of an undergraduate writing student with interdisciplinary and community interests:

Julie Lemley

Raymond & Florence Sponberg Scholarship – \$500

For a female graduate student in her second or third semester:

Dodie Miller

Marcia Thompson Award – \$450

For an accomplished undergraduate major pursuing a career in English Education:

Dana Paasch

Robert C. Wright Awards – \$1000, \$750, and \$500

Three awards for undergraduate and graduate students whose writing samples are judged to be the best by an outside judge:

1st — Dodie Miller 2nd — Bronson Lemer 3rd — Antoinette Cole

Honorable Mention — Christina Olson

Youel English Award 1 – \$300

For a graduating major preparing for a career in teaching or writing, or who will pursue graduate work in English language or literature:

Nickie Kranz

Youel English Award 2 – \$300

For a graduating major or minor preparing for a career outside of teaching or writing, and who will not pursue graduate work in English language or literature:

Susan Handly

Composition Merit Award – \$50

Julianne L. Kroon

Ebner E. Allen

Daryl A. Bohm

Past Composition Merit Award Winners

2006-2007

Composition Merit Awards Journal 2007

1st Place: "[Children of Mentally Ill Parents](#)" by Stacy Richter 2nd Place: "[Survival of the Wealthiest](#)" by Souk Phaengkhouane 3rd Place: "[Native Americans: Mascots or Human Beings](#)" by Elise Wolf

2005-2006

Composition Merit Awards Journal 2006

1st Place: "[Not All CAM is a Scam](#)" by Abigail Klatt 2nd Place: "[Americans: Bigger by the Day](#)" by Cassandra Bjork 3rd Place: "[Viddy Well](#)" by Bryan Petzel

2004-2005

Composition Merit Awards Journal 2005

1st Place: "[Free Music Downloading: Wave of the Future or Demise of the Industry?](#)" by Julie Kroon 2nd Place: "[My Experience at the Great Wall of China](#)" by Eber Allen 3rd Place: "[The Rise, Fall, and Continuing Struggle of the Online Music Revolution](#)" by Daryl Bohm

Honorable Mentions "[The Lifetime Hangover](#)" by Mike Kinney "[Farm Safety: A Lesson Learned](#)" by Christy Selbrade

2003-2004

Composition Merit Awards Journal 2004

1st Place: "[Turnover](#)" by Andrew Miller 2nd Place: "[Strangers](#)" by Rosemarie Hanson 3rd Place: "[Swindlers Among Us](#)" by Merit Raff 4th Place: "[My Grandma's Christmas Program](#)" by Marcia Hewitt 5th Place: "[Setting the Hook](#)" by Andrew W. Johnson 6th Place: "[How to Grow a Child](#)" by Sarah Priem

Honorable Mentions "[Mainstream Society & African-Americans](#)" by Andrew Bradley "[Practical Lifesavers](#)" by Kristen Neigebauer "[A Half Mile Walk and the Infamous Windowsill](#)" by Kristen Neigebauer "[A Breath of Tranquility](#)" by Kristen Neigebauer "[Faded Memories](#)" by Kayla Rasmussen "[Internet](#)" by Brittany Youngblom "[The Simpsons vs. The Sopranos](#)" by Kris Warner