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:

Lindsy 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  Lindsy 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*

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**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*

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**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*

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**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 Roehmeldt*
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**
_Emil 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 Phaenghouane
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