

The Mahlon Gaumer Award

A prize of \$500.00 will be given to a CSUN graduate student who is the author of the best critical essay on English or American literature—with an emphasis on the use of language. Eligible essays must have been written during the current academic year or after the deadline for the previous year's contest.

This award honors the memory of Mahlon Gaumer, a professor of English at California State University Northridge from 1969 to 1997, who specialized in linguistics and medieval literature. He demanded the very best from his students, and rewarded them with brilliant insights, fascinating lectures, and the delights of his rapier wit. The award is provided by the Mahlon Gaumer Endowment Fund.

Guidelines

1. The candidate must be an enrolled classified graduate student in English at CSUN during the academic year in which the award is given.
 2. Papers submitted must provide a close, critical analysis of a work of English or American literature, with an emphasis on the use of language. A work from any period may be examined.
 3. Papers should not exceed 20 double-spaced pages.
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To file an application, the candidate must:

1. Complete the Mahlon Gaumer Award application.
2. Attach a copy of your paper. (Note: Professors are encouraged to submit outstanding papers they have encountered in teaching graduate courses during the academic year or since the deadline for the previous year's contest). Also, CSUN graduate students may independently submit papers they have written for courses, conferences, or publication, as long as the work meets the above criteria.
3. The applicant must submit this application and supporting documents via email as a Word doc or PDF to Wendy Ventura (wendy.ventura@csun.edu), by **4:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

The Amenities and Awards Committee of the Department of English will review all applications; the Committee will be responsible for selecting the winner of the award. The Department Chair will determine time and place for the presentation of the award.

The Mahlon Gaumer Award Application

*Department of English
California State University, Northridge*

Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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For Department use only:

Classified Graduate Student: _____

Committee Evaluation:
