

The William L. Wilson Award

A scholarship of approximately \$1,600.00 will be given each year to an undergraduate major in English who plans to teach at the secondary level.

This award has been established to honor the memory of William L. Wilson, a career Army officer who taught high school for many years upon his retirement from the U.S. Army. He pursued his own continuing education throughout his lifetime, and always taught by example the qualities of honesty, compassion, and justice. The scholarship is intended to recognize and encourage students who work diligently to get their degrees and achieve their career potential in spite of additional obligations such as work or family.

To qualify for this award, the candidate must:

1. Be either a junior or senior English major going on for a secondary single-subject teaching credential in English.
 2. Possess people skills associated with the successful classroom teacher, such as maturity, purpose, and compassion.
 3. Be a strong student (CSUN GPA of 3.0 or higher).
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To file an application, the candidate must:

1. Complete the William L. Wilson Award Application.
 2. Submit a personal essay of no more than 350 words introducing herself or himself – including why she or he has chosen this field of study, and her or his personal circumstances and eventual career objective.
 3. Ask a CSUN English Department faculty member to complete the William L. Wilson Faculty Evaluation Form and submit it directly to the Chair of the Awards Committee, Dr. Wexler.
 4. 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 **Thursday, April 30, 2020**.
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The Awards Committee of the Department of English will review all applications. The Department Chair will determine time and place for the presentation of the award.

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Application

Department of English
California State University, Northridge

Name: _____ CSUN ID #: _____

Address: _____ Home Telephone: _____

_____ E-Mail Address: _____

_____ CSUN GPA: _____

Major: _____

Semester/year entered CSUN:

Current class standing:

Projected graduation date:

Directions for student:

1. Complete the top portion of this form.
2. Attach a personal essay of no more than 350 words introducing yourself—including your personal circumstances, why you have chosen your field of study, and your eventual career objective.
3. Ask an English Department faculty member to complete a William L. Wilson Faculty Evaluation Form for you and to submit this form directly to the Awards Committee Chair, Dr. Wexler.
4. 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 **Thursday, April 30, 2020**.

For Department use only:

Student Status and GPA Verification: _____

Committee Evaluation:

William L. Wilson Award—Faculty Evaluation Form

In an effort to reduce faculty workload, the rubric below is designed to facilitate faculty input without the traditional recommendation letter. Please fill out the below form and submit with student essay and application for the William L. Wilson Award. Please submit no later than **4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2020.**

Name of student:

Your name:

I know this student :

Well	
Somewhat	
Not particularly well	

Based on classroom observation and interactions, I would assess the student as follows:

	Maturity	Sense of purpose	Compassion	People skills
Outstanding				
Excellent				
Good				
Average				
Below average				
Unable to judge				

Signature of faculty member: _____

Date: _____

Optional: Any additional comments for the committee's consideration: