

# Linda Nichols Joseph English Merit Scholarship

In memory of Linda Nichols Joseph, an English major who graduated *cum laude* from California State University, Northridge, in 1981, up to four prizes of \$2,000 each will be awarded every year to undergraduate English majors who have demonstrated excellence in their studies. The awards will be made by a committee appointed annually by the Department of English, and will be announced at the English Department's fall or spring celebration.

## **Guidelines:**

1. The minimum overall CSUN GPA for successful applicants is 3.5.
2. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate financial need to complete their degree. Financial need will be verified by CSUN's Financial Aid & Scholarship Department. Students graduating in Fall 2021 may apply.
3. Preference may be given to applicants who also demonstrate engagement in the discipline and/or commitment to further study in English.

## **Application materials:**

1. Letter from the applicant that addresses his or her qualifications for the award, including such issues as financial need, and/or engagement in the discipline, and/or commitment to further study in English—maximum of two single-spaced pages.
2. Résumé or CV—maximum of two pages.
3. Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a faculty member in CSUN's English Department who can speak to the applicant's academic promise).
4. Financial Aid release form (attached to this application).

## **Application deadline:**

Students may pick up the Financial Aid release form and submit application materials to Wendy Ventura ([wendy.ventura@csun.edu](mailto:wendy.ventura@csun.edu)) no later than

**Monday, November 22, 2021  
by 5:00 p.m.**

Application for  
**Linda Nichols Joseph**  
**English Merit Scholarship**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student ID #** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Materials Required:

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2.  Résumé or CV—maximum of two pages.
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Submit this application and supporting documents to Wendy Ventura ([wendy.ventura@csun.edu](mailto:wendy.ventura@csun.edu)) by 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 22, 2021 to be eligible for an award.

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For Department use only:

Overall CSUN GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (At least 3.5)

Committee Evaluation:

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The Awards Committee of the Department of English will review all applications; the Committee will be responsible for selecting the winner of the award.

FINANCIAL AID RELEASE FORM

**Linda Nichols Joseph English Merit Scholarship**

*Department of English*

*California State University, Northridge*

In order to be considered for the Linda Nichols Joseph English Merit Scholarship, I authorize the CSUN Financial Aid Office to release to the Department of English Awards Committee any information necessary to establish my need for financial aid. I understand that the Department of English will hold such information in confidence.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_