

The Finestone Award in English

A \$750 prize will be given each year to a graduate student with the most distinguished essay in the study of literature completed in the English Department's capstone graduate seminar, ENGL 698D. This essay must be nominated by the faculty member who led the section of 698D in which the applicant was enrolled. A faculty panel will evaluate the nominated essays on the following criteria: originality of concept; potential scholarly impact; logical, effective organization; and clarity, coherence, and elegance of prose style.

This award honors the memory of Harry Finestone, who joined what was then San Fernando Valley State College, now California State University Northridge, in 1962. Finestone established a reputation as a gifted teacher and innovative administrator. He was Chair of the Department of English from 1966 to 1970 and then Dean of Academic Planning and Associate Vice President for Academic Programs from 1970 to 1983.

To qualify for this award:

1. The essay must have been completed in a Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 section of ENGL 698D, and the instructor must nominate the essay.
 2. The student must have a GPA of at least 3.5 (verified by unofficial transcript).
 3. The student must confirm that the course instructor has submitted a letter to the Awards Committee Chair nominating the essay for this award.
 4. The student must file an application for this award.
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To file an application, the candidate must:

1. Complete the Finestone Award in English application form.
2. Submit an unofficial transcript.
3. Confirm that the course instructor has nominated the essay by submitting a recommendation to the Awards Committee Chair.
4. Submit a hard copy of the essay.
5. 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. Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Application for The Finestone Award in English

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Title of Essay:

Name of 698D Instructor:

Please Submit:

1. Application form.
2. Unofficial transcript.
3. Hard copy of the essay.

For Department Use Only:

Committee Evaluation:

