

The Peterson Morley Award

A prize of \$1000.00 will be given each year to an undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled as an English major at CSUN, who plans to enter the teaching profession at any level. This award is given in honor of Annamarie Peterson Morley, a professor of English at California State University Northridge from 1965 to 1980, who taught with warmth, grace, humor, and wisdom. She was an elegant and humane woman, a model for teachers and students. The award is provided by the Annamarie Peterson Morley Endowment Fund.

To qualify for this award, the candidate must:

1. Be enrolled as an English major, either as an undergraduate or graduate student, at the time of application.
 2. Possess a minimum 3.0 grade point average if an undergraduate student or a minimum 3.25 grade point average if a graduate student. (Verified by an unofficial transcript)
 3. Demonstrate financial need (Verified by a Financial Aid Release Form, attached to this application).
 4. If an undergraduate, must agree to take at least twelve units at CSUN the subsequent academic semester. If a graduate, must take a minimum of six units at CSUN during the subsequent academic semester.
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To file an application, the candidate must:

1. Complete the Peterson Morley Award application, available on the department website.
2. Sign a release form so the CSUN Financial Aid Office can provide information on the candidate's financial need. (The release form is attached to the application.)
3. Provide an unofficial transcript.
4. Provide two informal recommendations from English Department faculty.
5. Submit a short essay (3-page maximum) describing a classroom experience that has motivated the applicant's desire to teach.
6. Submit the application and supporting documents to Wendy Ventura (wendy.ventura@csun.edu).

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

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 Peterson Morley Award Application

Name: _____

Student ID # _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Units completed towards degree: _____

Check One: M.A. _____ B.A. _____

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1. Sign the attached release form so that we may obtain information from the Financial Aid Office.
 2. Attach recommendations from two English Department faculty members.
 3. Attach an unofficial transcript.
 4. Attach a short essay (3-page maximum) describing a classroom experience which helped motivate you to enter the teaching profession.

Submit this application and supporting documents to Wendy Ventura (wendy.ventura@csun.edu) by Monday, November 22, 2021, to be eligible.

For Department use only:

Student Status Verification: _____

GPA _____ (Undergraduate: at least 3.0; Graduate at least 3.25)

Committee Evaluation:

FINANCIAL AID RELEASE FORM

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Department of English

California State University, Northridge

In order to be considered for the Peterson Morley Award, 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 _____