

# University Awards

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California State University, Fullerton offers a number of university-wide awards to students each year. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the appropriate office. If you are a student, you are encouraged to apply for a nomination through your school dean's office. If you are a faculty member, we welcome your nomination of deserving students for whichever award you feel would be appropriate. All materials are due in the specified office by the application or nomination deadline.

*Note: For all scholarships, the notification process does not include a notification to all applicants but only to the selected recipient of the scholarship. The expected date of notification is by the end of May*

## Alumni Association Outstanding Graduate Student Award

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Established by:** This award was established by the Cal State Fullerton Alumni Association. Funds for this award are raised through the generous support of CSUF alumni and proceeds raised at alumni programs and events.

**Open to:** Nomination for this award is open to students who will receive their Master's degree in January, June or August of 2017. Nominations for this award must be submitted by a CSUF faculty or staff member. Recipient will be recognized at Honors Convocation in May.

**Criteria:** Academically outstanding ♦ Demonstrates service to the department, university and/or community ♦ Active in extracurricular, academic or professional activities.

**Application Procedure:** 1) Faculty or staff member to directly submit both a nomination and biographical data form to the George G. Golleher Alumni House or online 2) All forms can be found on the Alumni Association website at <https://alumni.fullerton.edu/scholarship/awards.aspx>

**Application Deadline:** March 13

## Alumni Association Outstanding Senior Award

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Established by:** This award was established by the Cal State Fullerton Alumni Association. Funds for this award are raised through the generous support of CSUF alumni and proceeds raised at alumni programs and events.

**Open to:** Nomination for this award is open to students who will receive their Baccalaureate degree in January, June or August of 2017. Nominations for this award must be submitted by a CSUF faculty or staff member. Recipient will be recognized at Honors Convocation in May.

**Criteria:** Academically outstanding ♦ Demonstrates service to the department, university and/or community ♦ Active in extracurricular, academic or professional activities.

**Application Procedure:** 1) Faculty or staff member to directly submit both a nomination and biographical data form to the George G. Golleher Alumni House or online 2) All forms can be found on the Alumni Association website at <https://alumni.fullerton.edu/scholarship/awards.aspx>

**Application Deadline:** March 13

## Excellence in Student Leadership Award

**Amount:** \$500

**Established by:** The Excellence in Student Leadership Award was established by Robert Palmer and the Division of Student Affairs to provide recognition to a freshman or sophomore student who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to student leadership at California State University, Fullerton.

**Open to:** This award is open to CSUF students of freshman or sophomore standing.

**Criteria:** 2.5 GPA ♦ Significant involvement in a student leadership position ♦ Intent to be in a leadership position throughout college career

**Application Procedure:** 1) Log into your CSUF portal (be sure to use the new portal) and click on the “Scholarships” button. Follow the onscreen instructions and complete the scholarship application; 2) Complete a one page essay, typed and double-spaced, describing student leadership positions held to date and intentions for future student leadership roles at CSUF (see application for content suggestions); 3) Provide resume; and 4) Provide one letter of recommendation from CSUF staff or faculty.

**Application Deadline:** March 29

## Giles T. Brown Outstanding Thesis Award

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Established by:** This award is by faculty nomination only. It was established by Dr. Giles T. Brown, Associate Vice President of Academic Programs, *Emeritus*, and the Graduate Studies Office to honor a graduate student for their outstanding thesis. Any faculty may submit a nomination to their respective department chair that will send eligible entries to the college deans. College deans submit nominations to the Graduate Studies Office with a copy of the thesis (unbound if possible). Entries must include the title page, signed by the student’s thesis committee. Finalists may be recommended for Honorable Mention by the thesis judges. Awardees will receive a certificate and a \$1000 cash award. For further information, contact the Graduate Studies Office, located in McCarthy Hall 112, (657) 278-2618. Presentation of the Outstanding Thesis Award is made at the University Honors Convocation.

**Open to:** Nomination for this award is open to graduate students who have completed a thesis in the summer or fall, or who will complete a thesis in the spring. Students must have graduated or be candidates for spring graduation.

**Criteria:** Quality of thesis ♦ Faculty committee nomination letters ♦ One nomination per College

**Application Procedure:** Faculty nomination

**Application Deadline:** March 3, 2017

## **Kelley McArthur Memorial Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$500

**Established by:** This scholarship is named for Kelley McArthur, in her memory, to support the efforts of students who have overcome obstacles. The Kelley McArthur Memorial Scholarship honors Kelley, who battled rheumatoid arthritis from the time she was three years old until the age of 34. Kelley's physical challenges did not stop her from getting good grades and focusing on higher education. This scholarship will benefit extraordinary people like her who have a spirit to succeed against all obstacles.

**Open to:** This scholarship is open to new and continuing students who are pursuing an undergraduate or a graduate degree.

**Criteria:** 2.75 GPA ♦ Full-time ♦ Financial need ♦ Good academic standing ♦ Personal statement (300 words) in which student describes how they meet the criteria

**Application Procedure:** 1) Log into your CSUF portal (be sure to use the new portal) and click on the "Scholarships" button. Follow the onscreen instructions and complete the scholarship application; 2) Complete a one page essay, typed and double-spaced, describing student leadership positions held to date and intentions for future student leadership roles at CSUF (see application for content suggestions); 3) Provide resume; and 4) Provide one letter of recommendation from CSUF staff or faculty.

**Application Deadline:** March 31

## **Dr. Donald S. Castro Memorial Study Abroad Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Established by:** Memorial: Established by family, friends, business associates, and CSUF faculty and staff, this scholarship is named in memory of Dr. Donald S. Castro. Dr. Castro, Special Assistant to California State University, Fullerton President Milton A. Gordon, died unexpectedly on June 11, 2007. Don was a passionate and compassionate man who championed human rights and equal opportunities for the disadvantaged. He served as a leading advocate of underrepresented students and assisted them in obtaining their college degree and fulfilling their educational dreams. This scholarship honors Dr. Castro's passion for helping those who may not otherwise be able to attend college as well as his love of travel, exploration and history.

**Open to:** This scholarship is open to continuing students who are pursuing an undergraduate or a graduate degree, who are in financial need, and who meet eligibility requirements for and have been accepted into a Study Abroad Program approved by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

**Criteria:** Full-Time Enrollment in a degree program ♦ Financial Need ♦ Must meet eligibility requirements for and be accepted into a Study Abroad Program approved by the IEE Office ♦ Be in Good Academic Standing ♦ Community Service/Involvement ♦ Two CSUF Faculty/Staff Recommendation Letters ♦ Written essay on how you champion human rights and equal opportunities for the disadvantaged.

**Application Procedure:** 1) Complete the [SA application](#) at answering all 7 questions, and sign the Certification; 2) Complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application (or have one on-file) for establishing financial need. If you are ineligible to apply for Federal Financial Aid please state it on your application. 3) Provide two letters of recommendation from CSUF faculty/staff 4) Written essay on how you champion human rights and equal opportunities for the disadvantaged 5) Submit completed application and materials to Mr. Victor M. Rojas Jr., [LH-630](#).

**Application Deadline:** March 15