English Departmental Scholarships and Awards

Please consider applying for the six English departmental scholarships and awards, which are described below. While the award amounts are modest, every little bit helps, and **receiving a scholarship/award looks good on your resumés and grad school applications**.

The application deadline is Friday, February 28, 2026, and some applications require recommendation letters from faculty, so you should start assembling your materials now. Downloadable applications are available at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16qJV2Ote1M9Oa1b0a84-9Fv3GnyBGAhH?usp=sharing.

Please send questions and application materials to Prof. Kevin Rahimzadeh (kevin.rahimzadeh@eku.edu).

Outstanding Senior Award
This award honors a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership, and promise. Any senior English major who will graduate in May, August, or December 2026 with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 is eligible to apply. Recent winners have received around $300. **Required Application Materials:** application form, personal statement, two recommendation letters.

Dr. James M. Kenkel Undergraduate Linguistics Scholarship
This award, in memory of EKU English professor Jim Kenkel who passed away in 2011, is presented to an undergraduate English major with an interest in linguistics. This school year's award amount is $1000. **Required Application Materials:** application form, 500-word personal essay, one recommendation letter, unofficial copy of transcript.

Philip H. Mankin Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship is presented to a junior English major who has demonstrated high academic achievement and a love for language and literature. Any English major who currently has between 60-89 credit hours and a grade point average of 3.25 or higher is eligible to apply. This school year's award amount is $1000. **Required Application Materials:** application form, 500-word personal essay, one recommendation letter, unofficial copy of transcript.

Donn Johnson Endowed English Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to an English major with a financial need in the Kentucky Service Region with at least a 3.25 GPA. This school year's award amount is $1000. **Required Application Materials:** application form, 500-word personal essay, one recommendation letter, unofficial copy of transcript.

Bonnie Plummer Endowed Study Abroad Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to English majors or graduate students and provides financial support for tuition, room, and/or board to students attending EKU while studying outside of the United States in a University-approved program for study abroad classroom credit. This school year's award amount is $1000. **Required Application Materials:** 500-word personal statement.

Hazel Chrisman Memorial English Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to a full-time freshman English major with a strong high school GPA and ACT score with financial need. The scholarship is renewable with a 3.6 GPA in English courses and satisfactory overall progress toward a degree. Recent winners have received around $400. **Required**

Application Materials: application form, personal statement and sample materials, two recommendation letters.