

2026 – 2027 English Department Scholarship Cover Sheet

Name _____

Email _____

Student ID _____

Earned Credits as of December 2025 _____

GPA (Please include GPA earned through last completed semester) _____

Are you a declared English major? Yes / No

Which award are you applying for? (Please see specific requirements on the next few pages.)

_____ **Dr. Joyce K. Sancetta Book Award**

_____ **Dr. Albert E. Millar, Jr. Endowed Merit Scholarship**

_____ **Teresa Van Dover Endowed Scholarship**

_____ **W. D. Wolf Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

_____ **Nancy Gonzales Turner Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Instructions

All applicants for all awards EXCEPT Sancetta and Turner** should include the following:

1. This cover sheet.
2. A cover letter addressing your qualifications for the award, based on the descriptions on the next page. Please include information about your studies and future plans as they apply to the specific award.
3. A writing sample of no more than 2500 words. This can be an excerpt from a longer text. Please see individual awards for any specific textual requirements.

A separate cover sheet, cover letter, and writing sample are required for each award, though you may reuse the same writing sample for multiple award applications.

**See below for the alternate requirements for the Van Dover and Turner Book Awards ONLY.

Applications can be emailed to engl@cnu.edu or dropped off in person in MCM 205.

Deadline, Friday March 13, 2026

Applications are usually collected in spring and winners are announced over the summer. Funds will be applied in July or August.

See further pages for detailed award criteria.

English Department Scholarship Descriptions

The Albert E. Millar Jr. Scholarship honors the life and career of Dr. Al Millar, who taught at Christopher Newport from 1965-2001. This scholarship is funded by donations from the Millar family, students, colleagues and friends. It is given to English majors who demonstrate a desire to study literature.

Estimated Award: \$1,700 (award amounts fluctuate from year to year)

- Rising Senior English major with interest in Literary Studies
 - 3.0+ GPA
 - Submit a cover sheet and a cover letter and a **literary analysis** writing sample of less than 2500 words that reflects your best work. It may be part or all of a paper from any **English course**.
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The Teresa Van Dover Scholarship is given in memory of Terry Van Dover, an English major enrolled during the 1980s. After her death, her husband solicited contributions from Terry's former employers, as well as friends and family, in order to establish the award, the criteria for which reflect Terry's interests and circumstances.

Estimated Award: \$2,000 (award amounts fluctuate from year to year)

- Junior or Rising Senior English Major.
 - 3.0+ GPA
 - Demonstrated financial need and academic achievement, with priority given to the latter.
 - **IMPORTANT:** financial need **MUST** be documented in CNU's Financial Aid Office; if you are unsure if you meet this requirement, please contact finaid@cnu.edu to confirm your financial need status **BEFORE** applying.
 - Submit a cover letter that outlines your financial need and academic achievements.
 - Also submit a cover sheet and a writing sample of less than 2500 words from a **writing class** that reflects your best work. The writing sample may be from a creative writing course or a course that requires academic writing.
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The Nancy Gonzales Turner and Shelly Nicole Turner Memorial Endowed Scholarship in English is awarded to a student majoring in English who exhibits outstanding academic achievement.

Estimated Award: \$6,000 (award amounts fluctuate from year to year)

- Any declared English major, full-time or part-time, of any year.
- 3.0+ GPA *at CNU*
- Submit a cover letter that outlines your academic achievements.
- Demonstrated financial need
 - **IMPORTANT:** financial need **MUST** be documented in CNU's Financial Aid Office; if you are unsure if you meet this requirement, please contact finaid@cnu.edu to confirm your financial need status **BEFORE** applying.

- Submit a cover sheet and a cover letter and a writing sample of less than 2500 words that reflects your best work. The writing sample may be from a creative writing course or a course that requires academic writing.

The Dr. Joyce K. Sancetta Book Award honors Sancetta's ten-year service to the English Department. Sancetta funded this book award to assist an English major in developing a library for their personal and/or professional use. Eligible students can submit a list of proposed books and an essay explaining how the specified books advance the student's interests and goals.

Estimated Award: \$2,000 (award amounts fluctuate from year to year)

- Junior or Rising Senior English major.
- Submit a cover sheet and an essay of less than 500 words describing how the scholarship would allow you to purchase books which would allow pursuit of your literary and research interests.

The W.D. Wolf Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in memory of Wolf's service to the English Department from 1976 to 1982.

Estimated Award: \$1,000 (award amounts fluctuate from year to year)

- Junior or Rising Senior English major or incoming or current MAT graduate student

- The cover letter should address the academic achievements of the student.
- Submit a cover sheet and a cover letter and a writing sample of less than 2500 words that reflects the best work of the student. The writing sample may be from a creative writing course or a course that requires academic writing.