**Child And Adolescent Studies Department Annual Student Award**

**THE ROBERT B. MCLAREN AWARD IN CHILDREN’S MORAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Award Description**

Open to current Child and Adolescent Studies majors in any class standing, this award distinguishes a Child and Adolescent Studies major who has made contributions in scholarship or practice relevant to the moral education or character development of children and/or adolescents. This contribution is demonstrated through (1) relevant scholarly or creative work and/or (2) implementation of a special program that fosters moral education or character development among children or youth in an educational, community and/or religious setting. This award includes a framed certificate and a $300 award.

**The award recipient will be recognized at the CAS Celebration of Achievement.**

**How to Apply**

1. Save the application as (PDF): Your Last Name\_AltheaMcLaren\_Award

2. Email completed application to [casawards@fullerton.edu](mailto:casawards@fullerton.edu). Email subject line: Student’s last name\_ AltheaMcLaren\_Award

**Deadline to apply is February 28 th, 2025**

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**Application**

Your Name: CWID:

Telephone: Email:

Address:

Class Level: (Bold selection) Freshman/Sophomore Junior Senior

1. **Your Overall Grade Point Average:**

(A minimum of a 3.0 overall GPA is required for consideration.)

1. **Your Child and Adolescent Studies major grade point average:**

(A minimum of a 3.2 major GPA is required for consideration.)

1. **Copy of your unofficial transcript to verify your overall grade point average (it does not have to show your major GPA).**

(Your unofficial transcript can be found in your student portal in the Student Center.)

**IV.** **Narrative**

Write a narrative (3 pages, double-spaced maximum) discussing your insights as to how your scholarly or creative work and/or your implementation of a special program promoted the moral and character development of children and/or adolescents. Please focus on accomplishments during college (either at CSUF or another institution).

Discuss one of the following:

1. Scholarly or creative work on children’s moral education or character development.

This category refers to written or creative projects that address moral and character development; examples of this may include a paper/project submitted as part of a CAS course requirement.

In your narrative, discuss your paper/project goals and their relationship to the moral education or character development of children and/or adolescents. Include a graded copy of your scholarly/creative work with the application packet.

1. Program or curriculum with children and/or adolescents.

This category refers to work/volunteer experience in an educational, community, or religious setting that provides services for children and adolescents. Specifically, this category is concerned with programs and/or curricula that foster moral or character development among children /adolescents. To qualify in this category, you must have a minimum of 6-months work/volunteer experience.

In your narrative, provide a description of the program/curriculum implemented. Discuss the setting of the project and the age group(s) served. Include discussion of the program/curriculum goals and the strategies used to achieve them, as well as the relevance of the program/curriculum to moral or character development.

In your narrative, indicate your work/volunteer responsibilities, length and dates of service, and the name and phone number of a contact person who can verify your service at this location.

Your written narrative is a very important component of your application. When writing your narrative, please:

* + use the narrative form on the next page;
  + thoughtfully and explicitly address the criteria outlined in the award;
  + make sure that all pertinent information is included within the narrative;
  + type the narrative in 12pt font and ensure that it is free of spelling, grammatical and structural errors.

**III. Letter of Reference**

**Provide the name of the individual you have asked to submit a reference:**

Email the Letter of Recommendation Form for this award to your recommender. They will email

the form to the CAS Department. The recommender should be a person who can speak to your

qualifications for the award to which you are applying. The recommender can be an instructor,

employer, or mentor. Please allow your recommender at least 2 weeks to complete your

recommendation.

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**Written Narrative**

**(Application form is not included in the 3-page maximum.)**

Your Name:

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**Begin your narrative below**