2025-2026 Department of Child and Adolescent Studies Awards

The CAS awards program recognizes CAS majors for noteworthy and commendable scholarly, service, and/or creative accomplishments related to children, adolescents, and families. All CAS awards are merit-based. Certificates are presented to the winners at the annual CAS Celebration of Achievement in May. Award money may come in the form of a check directly to the student or be credited toward the student's CSUF account for tuition, depending on their financial aid and enrollment status in fall.

Application Deadline: February 1st, 2026

Outstanding Junior Child and Adolescent Studies Student
Amount: $500-$750 subject to available funding. **Term Awarded:** Spring
Established by: This award was established by the Child and Adolescent Studies department to recognize a junior level student in Child and Adolescent Studies who exemplifies the highest standards of scholarship, service to the community and/or university, and commitment to education.
Open to: This award is open to current Child and Adolescent Studies majors who have attained junior status by completing 60 units.
Criteria: Junior status • minimum 3.60 GPA • Community and /or University service.
Application Procedure: 1) Complete the application packet available in November on CAS website.
February 1st – check CAS website.

Outstanding Senior Child and Adolescent Studies Student
Amount*:* $500-$750 subject to available funding. **Term Awarded**: Spring
Established by: This award was established by James L Gilmore to recognize a senior level student in Child and Adolescent Studies who exemplifies the highest standards of scholarship, service to the community and/or university, and commitment to education.
Open to: This scholarship is open to current Child and Adolescent Development majors who have attained **senior status** by completing 90 units.
Criteria: Senior status • minimum 3.60 GPA • Community and /or University service
Application Procedure: 1) Complete the application packet available in November on CAS website.
Application Deadline: February 1st – check CAS website.

Dedication to Children, Adolescents, and/or Families
Amount: $500-$750 subject to available funding. **Term Awarded**: Spring
Established by: This award was established by the Child and Adolescent Studies department to recognize an individual who has demonstrated dedication to improving the lives of children, adolescents, and /or families by his/her actions in accordance with knowledge derived from scientific research.
Open to: This award is open to current Child and Adolescent Studies majors.
Criteria: This award may be for either volunteer efforts or for dedication above the required level in paid employment.
Application Procedure: 1) Complete the application packet available in November on CAS website.
Application Deadline: February 1st – check CAS website.

Department and University Engagement Award
Amount: $500-$750 subject to available funding. **Term Awarded**: Spring
Established by: This award is funded by the Child and Adolescent Studies department to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the Department of Child and Adolescent Studies and/or Cal State Fullerton through unpaid endeavors. This can include, but is not limited to, committee

work, research projects, peer mentoring, tutoring, and advising, and any leadership role.
Open to: This award is open to current Child and Adolescent Studies majors.
Criteria: Volunteer efforts
Application Procedure: 1) Complete the application packet available in November on CAS website.
Application Deadline: February 1st – check CAS website.

Pam Oliver Lifelong Learner Award
Amount: $500-$750 subject to available funding. **Term Awarded**: Spring
Established by: This award celebrates a Lifelong Learner who has demonstrated remarkable dedication and commitment to personal and professional growth. The recipient will be someone who has taken a break in their formal educational journey and comes back to college or starts college after pursuing other goals. The recipient will also have shown perseverance and a passion for learning through their academic achievements and involvement in activities that enrich their educational experience, contributing positively to the university or larger community.
Open to: This award is open to current Child and Adolescent Studies majors.
Criteria: Student who has returned to college after taken a break from their educational journey **or** someone who is starting their college work after pursuing other goals • minimum 3.00 GPA
Application Procedure: 1) Complete the application packet available in November on CAS website.
Application Deadline: February 1st – check CAS website.

The Kimberly Perkins Award for Dedication to Academic Excellence
Amount: $2500 subject to available funding. **Term Awarded**: Spring
Established by: This award is funded by the parents of Kimberly Perkins to honor her memory and recognize students for their continued commitment to personal and professional development in challenging circumstances.
Open to: This award is open to current Child and Adolescent Studies majors.
Criteria: Nomination
Application Procedure: 1) Confirm nominator (maybe self or other-nominated); 2) Complete the application packet available in November on CAS website.
Application Deadline: February 1st – check CAS website.

University scholarship applications will NOT be accepted for these awards. You must complete the specific CAS application for each award, available at https://hhd.fullerton.edu/cas/current-student/cas-awards/index.html

Deadline to apply is Friday, February 1st, 2026.

Refer to CSUF 2025-2026 CAS Awards for information on other relevant awards.