

## 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 Development 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 cash award.

**The award recipient will be recognized at the virtual 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 March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

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#### Application

Your Name:

CWID:

Telephone:

Email:

Address:

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

#### I. Your Overall Grade Point Average:

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

#### II. Your Child and Adolescent Studies major grade point average:

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

#### III. 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:

- a. 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.

b. 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. She/he 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**