

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT STUDIES DEPARTMENT ANNUAL STUDENT AWARD

**THE JUDITH V. RAMIREZ EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AWARD**

**Award Description**

Open to current Child and Adolescent Studies majors of all class standings, this award recognizes a Child and Adolescent Studies major who has demonstrated special dedication to improving the quality of early education services for children from birth to age 5 years through work activities and membership in professional organizations committed to the well-being of young children. This award includes a framed certificate and a \$300 cash award. Funds for this award are provided by the Titan Shops Textbook Requisition Rewards Program.

**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\_Ramirez\_Award
2. Email completed application to [casawards@fullerton.edu](mailto:casawards@fullerton.edu). Email subject line: Your Last Name\_Ramirez\_Award

**Deadline to apply is March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.**

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**Application**

Your Name:  
Telephone:  
Address:

CWID:  
Email:

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

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

(A minimum of a 2.5 overall GPA is required for consideration.)

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

(A minimum of a 2.8 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**

To qualify for this award, you must have a minimum of one year work experience (paid or voluntary) in the area of early childhood education.

Write a narrative (3 pages, double-spaced maximum) discussing your insights as to how your activities with young children and membership in relevant professional organizations demonstrate your commitment toward improving the quality of services to young children (birth to age 5). Please focus on accomplishments during college (either at CSUF or another institution).

Your narrative must discuss the following:

**a. Work Experience with Young Children.**

For this award, you must have a minimum of one year work experience, either paid or volunteer, in one or more of the following settings:

- Preschool (publicly-funded or private)
- Center-based day care (publicly-funded or private)
- Family day care
- Head Start or other integrated services program
- Kindergarten (public or private)

In your narrative, describe your work experience, the setting, and the ages of children served. Discuss how your work experience demonstrates or has contributed to your commitment to creating high quality early education services for young children. Also indicate length and dates of your relevant work experience, and the name and phone number of a contact person who can verify your work at this location.

**b. Involvement in Professional Organizations Committed to Early Childhood Education (e.g., OCAEYC)**

In your narrative, describe your involvement in one or more professional organizations committed to early childhood education. Discuss how your involvement with the organization(s) has contributed to your commitment to creating high quality early education services for young children. Also indicate length and dates of involvement in the identified professional organization(s).

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.

## **V. 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**