

**The Department of English**  
**Emory Elliott Endowed Memorial Award 2026**

**UNDERGRADUATE ESSAYS**

The 2026 Emory Elliott Endowed Memorial Award for Undergraduate Essays is now open for submissions. This award recognizes distinguished work by a junior or senior English major in any field of American literature and/or culture.

The award will be \$500. The deadline is **Friday May 8, 2026**. The winner will be announced at the end of Spring 2026.

**GUIDELINES**

- \* Criteria include at least 3.0 GPA in English courses and junior or senior standing.
- \* Submit an essay on an aspect of American literature and/or culture. The essay must be from **Spring 2025, Fall 2025, or Winter 2026**. The essay CANNOT be an essay submitted for this year's Undergraduate English Essay Contest. Simultaneous submission of the same essay will lead to disqualification from both contests. However, you may enter both contests by submitting different essays.
- \* No previous award-winning essays may be submitted.

Submissions must include TWO separate Word documents:

- \* First, a COMBINED COVER SHEET with the following information: award name "Emory Elliott Endowed Memorial Award"; author's name; phone number; title of the essay; course title and number; name of professor who taught the course; quarter in which the course was taken.
- \* Second, the ESSAY itself. It must be submitted with NO identifying information on any of the essay pages (this includes Comments in margins or Track Changes notes). Only include the essay title on the first page.
- \* Email both Word documents as attachments with the subject line "**Elliott Award Essay Submission**" to **Elaine Chacon** at [\*\*<elaine.chacon@ucr.edu>\*\*](mailto:elaine.chacon@ucr.edu) by **Friday May 8, 2026 at 3:00 PM**.

Evaluation committee: Professors Weihsin Gui and Roberto Macias.