

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

THE 2017 CHRISTOPHER A. MCGEE ESSAY AWARD

The UNM Department of Sociology invites submissions for the 2017 Christopher A. McGee Essay Award Scholarships. This competition is open to undergraduate Sociology and Criminology majors with one or more semesters remaining until graduation.

1. **Criteria for Evaluation:** Submitted papers will be evaluated on quality of writing, logical coherence, and mastery of sociological concepts.
2. **Amount, Number, and Character of Awards:** Rather than given as cash prizes, awards will be applied to the winners' student accounts.

The number (including none) and amount of awards will depend upon the quality of submissions as well as the funds available in a given year. Awards range from \$200 to \$800 depending upon both the type of paper submitted and its quality. (See extended guidelines.)

3. **Eligibility:** Competition for awards is open to full-time and part-time UNM undergraduate students majoring in sociology or criminology who will graduate after December 2017.
4. **Paper Guidelines:** Papers must have been written for a sociology or criminology course at UNM and *then revised (consultation with faculty member encouraged) to meet McGee contest standards for one of the three categories of papers described in the extended guidelines.* Each submission must include a signed "faculty endorsement" from the course instructor (available below).

Papers should be presented in professional journal style, such as APA or as specified in the "Manuscript Submission" guidelines of the American Sociological Review. Papers should be well-written and free of *all grammatical and spelling errors.*

The title page must include the submitting student's name, phone number, e-mail, and mailing address, and indicate the paper is a submission for the McGee Award competition for the 2017-2018 academic year.

5. **Due Date:** An electronic copy of the paper and endorsement by faculty form must be submitted to María B. Vélez (mvelez@unm.edu) by **5pm on Monday December 18th, 2017.** Awards will be announced by January 16, 2018.

Extended Guidelines for McGee Contest Essays

I. General Guidelines for All Submissions

All papers must:

- Be written for a UNM Sociology or Criminology class.
- Have been carefully revised to remove *all* spelling and grammar errors. (A paper is likely to need careful revision for spelling, grammar, and style.)
- Display mastery of sociological concepts and principles.
- Include a signed cover letter from the instructor of the course for which the paper was written (form below).
- Be original work, free from any form of plagiarism.
- Use a standard format for references.

II. Guidelines and Prize Ranges for Three Categories*

A. Short essays and reaction papers (2-5 pages). Must demonstrate mastery of sociological concepts but need not cite academic literature. *Award range:* \$200-\$300.

B. Topical Papers (6-10 pages): Must involve some library research with citations to the academic literature and may also involve data collection and analysis such as a report on an intensive interview, a content analysis project, or data from an on-line data base. These papers must include a reference list. *Award range:* \$300-\$600.

C. Comprehensive Projects (10-20 pages): Follow guidelines for "B," but the paper may be longer. Examples are bibliographic essays and research-based data analysis papers or research proposals. In addition to a reference list, *comprehensive projects* must include an abstract. *Award range:* \$500-\$800.

* please note that page ranges do not include the abstract, references, appendices or cover page



The Christopher A. W. McGee Scholarship

Faculty Endorsement Form

I _____ (please print instructor name), endorse the paper submitted
by _____ (please print applicant's name) for consideration for the
Christopher A.W. McGee Scholarship.

Signature

Date

All faculty endorsements should be emailed to María B. Vélez (mvelez@unm.edu) by Monday December 18th, 2017. Electronic signatures from faculty are accepted. Please include "McGee Award 2017" in the subject line.