

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

THE 2022 CHRISTOPHER A. MCGEE ESSAY AWARD

The UNM Department of Sociology invites submissions for the 2022 Christopher A. McGee Essay Award Scholarships. This competition is open to undergraduate Sociology and Criminology majors with a minimum of one or more semesters remaining until graduation.

1. **Criteria for Evaluation:** Submitted papers will be evaluated on mastery of sociological concepts, logical coherence, and quality of writing.
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 dollar amount of awards will depend upon the quality of submissions, paper category, and the funds available in a given year. Awards range from \$200 to \$600. (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* May 2022.
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). We encourage students to submit papers from either the current semester or from any semester post January 1, 2021.

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, email, and mailing address, and indicate the paper is a submission for the McGee Award competition for the 2021-2022 academic year.

5. **Due Date:** An electronic copy of the paper and endorsement by faculty form must be submitted to Professor Noah Painter-Davis (npf26@unm.edu) by **5pm on Friday, April 22, 2022.** Awards will be announced by June 15, 2022. If you have questions, please contact Noah.

Extended Guidelines for McGee Contest Essays

I. General Guidelines for All Submissions

All papers must:

- Be written for a UNM Sociology or Criminology class from either the current semester or from any semester post January 1, 2021.
- Display mastery of sociological concepts and principles.
- Have been carefully revised to remove *all* spelling and grammar errors. (A paper is likely to need careful revision for spelling, grammar, and style.)
- 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 double-spaced pages, 12 point font): Must demonstrate mastery of sociological concepts but need not cite academic literature. *Award range:* \$200-\$300.

B. Topical Papers (6-20 double-spaced pages, 12 point font): These papers must present a sociological analysis of a topic or issue of the student's choice. Must include citations of academic literature and a reference list. *Award range:* \$300-\$600.

C. Empirical Papers (6-20 double-spaced pages, 12 point font): These papers must involve either a research proposal for an empirical project or analysis of empirical data. Must include citations of academic literature and a reference list. *Award range:* \$300-\$600.

* 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 Professor Noah Painter-Davis(npf26@unm.edu)
by Friday, April 23, 2022. Electronic signatures from faculty are accepted.
Please include "McGee Award 2022" in the subject line.