

Jerry and Willie McNeal Student Award for Outstanding Teaching

The “Jerry and Willie McNeal Student Award for Outstanding Teaching” recognizes a graduate student in the Clinical Child Psychology Program at the University of Kansas for excellence in teaching performance as the primary instructor of at least one course at the undergraduate level. This award will be granted annually.

Criteria for the Award are:

1. Student must be in good standing in the Program who has accumulated at least one year of academic work in the Program;
2. Student must hold a 3.5 Graduate GPA minimum;
3. Student must have had primary responsibility for a completed undergraduate course at the University of Kansas (i.e., be “named” as the instructor of record).
4. Student’s work completed for this award may be a part of his or her “Teaching Task” or as a funded instructor position or as a volunteer instructor;
5. Student must present a portfolio consisting of:
 - a) a statement of teaching philosophy and approach with a list of other relevant teaching experience;
 - b) course syllabus, samples of handouts and lecture outlines;
 - c) formal course evaluations, narrative comments, and videotaped teaching performance or faculty observation report;
 - d) letter of endorsement by a supervising faculty member.

Students may nominate themselves or be recommended by a faculty member. The teaching may have taken place at any time in the student’s graduate work in the Program. Submission of the portfolio must be completed by *September 15* of each year. A committee appointed by the Program Director in consultation with the Program faculty will examine each student’s teaching portfolio and rank order the nominated students in terms of demonstrated quality of excellence. The award will be conferred on *October 3* (or the closest Program meeting to that date).

The McNeal Student Award for Outstanding Teaching will consist of a certificate of recognition to the recipient, engraving of the recipient’s name on a plaque displayed in the Program area, and a check for \$300.

This award was established in 1999 through the generosity of Rodney McNeal, Ph.D., in honor of his parents, Jerry and Willie McNeal of Kansas City, KS. Dr. McNeal was in the charter class entering the Clinical Child Psychology Program in 1992. He received his doctorate in Clinical Child Psychology in 1998.