

Julia N. Visor Scholarship Award

(formerly the C.L.R. James-Malcolm X Award)

The Julia N. Visor Scholarship Award is a monetary prize given each year for the best undergraduate essay on issues of race relations, colonialism and cultural diversity in any sub-field of English studies – literature, rhetoric, linguistics, creative writing, publishing, new media studies, technical writing, or education.

Julia N. Visor received her Bachelor's degree in English from Illinois State University in 1971, her Master's degree from Ohio University in 1975, and her Doctor of Arts degree from Illinois State University in 1987. She joined the English department faculty that year, and in 1997 she became the Coordinator of the University Center for Learning Assistance. She taught courses in composition and rhetoric and in African American literature, and she served as a mentor and advisor for many graduate students working in those areas. In 1996 she was recognized with the David A. Strand Award for Diversity Achievement. The Julia N. Visor Award seeks to commemorate her generous support of and her many enduring contributions to her students and colleagues.

Qualifications:

The competition is open to any undergraduate student at Illinois State University who has been enrolled in an English course during the academic year for which the award is to be given.

Submissions:

Students interested in submitting an essay for the annual award should email their essay to the English Department Office Administrator, Cadie Huber, at crhuber@ilstu.edu, along with a note indicating what class the essay was originally written for. All entries must be typed and submitted with a cover page stating your name, university identification number, major, e-mail, local phone number, and address.

Application deadline is April 1.