John McDaniel Teaching Awards

The John McDaniel Teaching Award recognizes the skill, achievement, and promise of graduate student teachers in the English Department at Middle Tennessee State University. Funded jointly by a bequest of Dr. John McDaniel, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts from 1984 to 2010, and annual contributions by Wadsworth-Cengage Learning, the award is comprised of two prizes: The Excellence in Teaching Award given to a PhD student and the Promise in Teaching Award given to a Masters student.

Graduate students teaching in the English Department during the current academic year are eligible to submit a portfolio for consideration. The portfolio should include the following documents:

- Letter of Application
- CV
- Statement of Teaching Philosophy
- Representative Syllabi
- Representative Assignments
- Copies of university-designed student evaluations
- A copy of a teaching observation, preferably from the current semester; however, the applicant may include an observation from the previous semester if classroom teaching is not a part of the applicant’s current assignment
- Other evidence of teaching effectiveness. This could include data from instructor-designed student evaluations, reports or evaluations based on observations and evaluations of peers, faculty members, or GTAC administrators.

Previous McDaniel Award winners are ineligible.

Deadline for submission varies slightly from year to year, but generally falls in the last week of February.

For further information and to schedule the required teaching observation if applicable, contact the Graduate Teaching Assistant Coordinator.