



Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

THE BETTY LOU LAVAL ENTREPRENEUR MENTOR AWARD

The Betty Lou Laval Entrepreneur Mentor Award is named for the wife of Claude Laval, a highly regarded civic leader, entrepreneur, and a co-founder of the Lyles Center Entrepreneur Mentor Program at Fresno State. The award of \$2500 is made annually to a Mentor student who best exemplifies the goals and ideals of the Entrepreneur Mentor Program through commitment, contribution, and pursuit of the core activities that define the program. The scholarship is given as a tribute to Betty Lou Laval who continues to demonstrate outstanding civic engagement and her commitment and support of entrepreneurs.

Qualifications:

Students are eligible for the Betty Lou Laval Entrepreneur Mentor Award based on the following qualifications:

1. Current or prior enrollment in the Lyles Center Entrepreneur Mentor Program.
2. Currently a Fresno State student in good standing.
3. High attendance and participation in the Entrepreneur Mentor Program.
4. Demonstrated commitment to excellence, learning, and the application of entrepreneurial skills.
5. High level of respect from both Mentor Program students and Community Mentors.

Applications:

1. Applications for the scholarship will be accepted no later than May 1 of each year.
2. Applications will include the following:
 - a. A statement from the student expressing their vision for their future, the role entrepreneurship will play in that future, how they have contributed to the learning process of other Student Mentors, and how the Lyles Center Entrepreneur Mentor Program will contribute to their future success.
 - b. One letter of support from a Mentor student.
 - c. One letter of support from two Community Mentors (one having to be an mentor who was not assigned to the student).

- d. The complete Entrepreneur Mentor Program Skills Handbook which demonstrates the level of engagement in the program in all of its aspects.

Selection:

1. The review panel for the submitted applications will consist of two past Mentor Students, two Community Mentors, and a representative from the Lyles Center.
2. The award of the scholarship will be announced and presented at the Lyles Center Annual End of the Year Dinner in May.