

**AUGUSTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**ESTELLE PATRICIA BERRY POLITE ENDOWMENT FUND**

**Purpose:** To fund academic support program needs within the College of Education with preference given to nontraditional students

**Criteria:**

1. Rising sophomore, junior or senior who have declared majors in education or graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in education.
2. The student must maintain an overall cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00.
3. The student must have academic merit or financial need.

**Additional Guidelines:**

The scholarship(s) may be awarded each year with qualified students eligible for support twice.

Once awarded a scholarship, if a student withdraws from the university or fails to maintain a 3.00 overall cumulative GPA, he/she will not be eligible for additional support under the provisions of the program.

The recipient(s) will be selected by the Faculty Scholarship Committee within the College of Education.

**Selection Process within the College of Education:**

Students wishing to apply for the scholarship should do so two weeks before fall pre registration:

1. Complete the process in the Office of Financial Aid to determine financial need
2. Submit an essay entitled "What does a Graduate/Undergraduate Degree in Education mean to me?"
3. Supply a transcript verifying the required GPA
4. Supply the written endorsement of their advisor
5. Return all required information to the Office of the Dean, College of Education who forwards it to the Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

The Faculty Scholarship Committee determines the recipient(s) of the scholarship and forwards the recommendation to the Dean, College of Education.

The Dean forwards the recommendation (s) of the departmental committee to the Scholarship and Financial Assistance Committee.

Recipients will be announced each year before the beginning of the fall semester.