

AUGUSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

RENEE POOL RUSSO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: To provide financial assistance in memory of Renee P. Russo to a capable undergraduate or graduate student within the College of Education at Augusta State University who is working in the Richmond County Public School System.

Criteria:

1. The student must be at least a junior (admitted to Teacher Education) majoring in Special Education with a career interest in mild disabilities
2. The student must have an overall cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (4.0 scale)
3. The student must have financial need which is not met from other sources
4. The student should demonstrate potential for success in the education field
5. The student should intend to seek a teaching position in the **Richmond County Public School System**

Additional Guidelines:

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

Once awarded a scholarship, if a student withdraws from the university or fails to maintain a 3.0 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 Scholarship and Financial Assistance Committee based on the recommendation of faculty 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 "Why I chose Special Education with an emphasis in mild disabilities as a college major"
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 scholarship selection committee determines the recipient(s) of the scholarship and forwards the recommendation to the Dean.

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

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

