



Dewar College of Education & Human Services

The Ruby and John Sullivan Scholarship

The Scholarship, established by Mrs. Ruby Sullivan in honor of her son John, will be awarded to an outstanding education major. This scholarship will provide the recipient with a stipend that will assist with tuition and expenses. The scholarship can be renewed for an additional year if the student is progressing successfully in his/her major. Upon graduation, if the student takes a teaching job in one of the rural counties listed below, he/she will receive the stipend amount for two additional years to assist in supporting his/her efforts to “give back” by teaching in a rural community.

Criteria for Application

- The recipient must be pursuing a bachelor’s degree in a teacher education program.
- The recipient must have been admitted into the teacher education program.
- The recipient must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
- Financial need will be an important criterion considered, but this factor alone will not determine the scholarship award.
- Students eligible for this scholarship must come from a rural area, with a poverty rate 50% below the state poverty level. See list of eligible counties below.
- Students coming from Mitchell County will be given additional consideration for this scholarship.

Eligible Counties:

Atkinson County	Clarke County	Grady County	Quitman County	Terrell County
Baker County	Clay County	Greene County	Randolph County	Thomas County
Baldwin County	Colquitt County	Hancock County	Seminole County	Toombs County
Ben Hill County	Crisp County	Jefferson County	Stewart County	Treutlen County
Bulloch County	Dougherty County	Jenkins County	Sumter County	Turner County
Burke County	Early County	Johnson County	Taliaferro County	Warren County
Calhoun County	Echols County	Macon County	Tattnall County	Washington County
Charlton County	Emanuel County	Mitchell County	Telfair County	Wheeler County
				Wilcox County

The application packet must be submitted no later than March 1. If March 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the application should be submitted by the Friday prior to March 1.

The application will require the following:

Career Discussion

A description of the reasons you chose to become an educator and your career goals.

Be ready to explain:

The skills you possess that might enhance educational opportunities for students living in poverty in rural schools?

Financial Need

A description of your financial need. In addition, you will include the Award Package by Aid Year. (This can be accessed through Banner by logging in, clicking Student and Financial Aid, clicking Financial Aid, and clicking My Award Information. Include AID YEAR of the current academic year.

Recommendations of Support

Two recommendations of support from VSU faculty members is required. This information will be gathered through an online survey.

**** Only complete applications will be considered. ****

To complete an application for this scholarship, go to the following survey:

https://valdosta.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eyQ7XdXb6NNwAzH