

SCHOLARSHIPS

Mrs. J. L. McConnaught, chairman of the first AFWC Scholarship Committee, brought the idea of establishing scholarships for women students to the state convention in 1899. By the close of the school year in 1902, AFWC had provided five gift scholarships totaling \$868.00. Alabama was the first state in the GFWC to begin a scholarship program. Through the years, it has maintained an excellent reputation for the contributions made in this area. It is impossible to evaluate the true results of the far-reaching program, but it is certainly one of which every federated clubwoman can be proud.

AFWC clubs are urged to contribute to the following scholarships in the amounts they desire; at least \$25.00 per year to receive recognition at Convention. In addition, clubs are encouraged to support any District scholarship programs. Clubs are also reminded to establish their own scholarships to be awarded to a deserving young person within their respective communities.

- Awards-
 - Club – A \$100.00 cash award may be given to the club reporting the most outstanding scholarship program, including local and GFWC Alabama scholarship contributions, based on a narrative report covering the two years of the administration. These reports are to be mailed directly to the GFWC Alabama Scholarship Chairman, due by March 1 of the even numbered years.
 - District – A \$100.00 cash award may be given to the District making the highest per club contributions to GFWC Alabama scholarships over the two years of each administration. This award is based upon receipts from clubs and the district by the AFWC Treasurer.
 - University of Alabama Club Yearbook Scholarships – The University of Alabama sponsors a Yearbook Contest each year. The four clubs whose yearbooks are judged to be the best are entitled to name one recipient from their community to receive a \$900.00 scholarship (given \$450.00 per semester). The scholarship will be to the University of Alabama. See specific criteria included in this manual for more details.

- Individual Scholarships-
 - Sue Shaw Juniorette Scholarship – This \$500.00 scholarship is available to members of an AFWC Juniorette club. Applications are available from the scholarship chairman, electronically on the GFWC Alabama website and Facebook and in the GFWC Alabama Yearbook. Supporting letters are requested from the club advisor and others referenced on the application.
 - Past President's Scholarships – The Margaret Coleman Memorial Fund was established in 1910. This trust fund provides interest that is placed in the General Scholarship fund to be used for scholarships honoring past presidents of GFWC Alabama. Scholarships are given in the amount of \$500.00 to applicants who are sponsored by a Federated Club in the respective District. Application forms may be secured from the GFWC Alabama Scholarship Chairman, electronically on the GFWC Alabama website and Facebook and in the GFWC Alabama Yearbook.

- Kitty Stone Graduate Scholarship – This \$1,500.00 scholarship is awarded to a student who desires to enter graduate or is currently attending graduate school. Applications are available from the AFWC Scholarship Chairman, electronically on the GFWC Alabama website and Facebook and in the GFWC Alabama Yearbook.
- Sue & Virginia Hester Special Education Scholarship – This \$1,000.00 scholarship is awarded to a student that has chosen any discipline of Special Education as their major field of study. Applications forms may be secured from the GFWC Alabama Scholarship Chairman, electronically on the GFWC Alabama website and Facebook and in the GFWC Alabama Yearbook.
- Trust Fund Scholarships
 - Miss Alabama Scholarship – This \$1,000.00 scholarship shall be given to the Miss Alabama Program's Directors who have a scholarship committee that decides the recipient of the scholarship. Clubs are encouraged to donate to this scholarship each year. The Federation has a Trust Fund to help support this scholarship.
 - Anne Givens Distinguished Young Woman (Jr. Miss) – Interest from this trust fund is used to award a scholarship based on the recipient having the highest scholastic or grade point average. All of the accrued interest goes to the \$500.00 scholarship with any needed balance being furnished by the General Scholarship Fund.
 - International House Scholarship – A scholarship has been awarded each year since 1953 to a foreign student who wishes to attend college at Jacksonville State University. They will reside at the International House. This scholarship is partially funded by interest earned annually from a GFWC Alabama Trust Fund under JSU and the General Scholarship Fund.

**ALABAMA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

DEADLINE: March 15

Please place a check by the Scholarship you are applying for:

- President's Scholarships - \$500
- Sue Shaw Juniorette - \$500 (Requirement: must be a member of a GFWC Alabama Juniorette club)
- Sue & Virginia Hester Special Education Scholarship - \$1,000
- Kitty Stone Graduate - \$1,500

To qualify for a scholarship, applicants must be planning to attend a college in the state of Alabama.

Applicant's Name: Miss/Mrs. _____
First Middle Last Telephones

Home Address: _____
Street County State Zip Code

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Name of High School/College _____

What do you plan to do after high school? _____

What college are you presently attending or plan to attend? _____

What is your current status? _____
HS Senior College Rank Graduate School

List class recognition or honors in high school/college _____

Date _____
Applicant

Date _____
GFWC Alabama Scholarship Chairman

Date _____

Include the following with your application:

- A personal letter telling of your educational goals.
- Three letters of recommendation: one from a GFWC Alabama member, one from your high school counselor/academic advisor, and one personal reference.
- Transcripts are encouraged to verify your grade average.

Mail complete application to: GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs
Attn: Scholarship Chairman
2728 Niazuma Avenue S
Birmingham AL 35205