

American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

National Undergraduate Scholarships 2008 Guidelines

The Association awards undergraduate scholarships to individuals who have exhibited the potential to make contributions to the family and consumer sciences profession.

Anyone chosen for an undergraduate scholarship will receive support for the study of family and consumer sciences and a commemorative certificate, which will be presented at the AAFCS Annual Conference & Exposition. Additionally, the name of the applicant and scholarship received will be reported in the Annual Conference Program Book.

Eligibility

A non-refundable application fee of \$40 must be received by AAFCS by **January 7, 2008**, or the National Undergraduate Scholarship Application will not be processed. Payments can be made by credit card, check, or money order, but must be accompanied by a Scholarship Payment Form (found at <http://www.aafcs.org/programs/scholarships.htm>).

Before purchasing a scholarship application, a potential applicant should consider the following eligibility requirements:

- Potential applicant is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Potential applicant is planning to pursue or is currently pursuing a degree in family and consumer sciences or its specialties at the undergraduate level on a full-time (as defined by the university) basis.
- Potential applicant is currently enrolled in an undergraduate program that will continue into the coming academic year or potential applicant has applied to or been admitted to an undergraduate program for the coming academic year.
- Potential applicant is willing to commit himself or herself to meeting the specific requirements of the scholarship for which he or she is applying.

Potential applicants who fit every requirement listed above are eligible to apply for an AAFCS National Undergraduate Scholarship but are not guaranteed financial assistance. Those who do not fit the requirements are ineligible for an AAFCS National Undergraduate Scholarship.

Former recipients of AAFCS undergraduate scholarships may apply for another year of scholarship funding if they meet the criteria of the scholarship(s) for which they are applying, but former recipients are not guaranteed another scholarship. No student will be awarded more than one undergraduate scholarship in a given year. National Undergraduate Scholarships will be presented if qualified recipients are identified but to no one who receives a score that is less than 80% of the highest score.

Undergraduate Scholarship for the 2008-2009 Academic Year

Jewell L. Taylor National Scholarship

This scholarship was established through a generous bequest from Jewell L. Taylor, a dedicated family and consumer sciences professional for more than 50 years. She held positions as a county home demonstration agent and utility home economist, spending the last 25 years of her professional career in Fort Worth, Texas. She continued her membership and interest in AAFCS until her death. One (1) scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded to a **qualified undergraduate student pursuing a degree in family and consumer sciences**.

Application Package

To apply for the National Undergraduate Scholarship, complete seven steps:

Step 1 – Read the National Undergraduate Scholarships Guidelines (guidelines found in Programs section of AAFCS website).

Step 2 – Complete the National Undergraduate Scholarships Application Form.

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Step 3 – Have a maximum of three (3) evaluators (persons preparing recommendation for applicant) complete the National Undergraduate Scholarships Recommendation Form (form found in Programs section of AAFCS website). Evaluator should return the completed recommendation form to the student so that it can be included in the student's application package (If the evaluator prefers to place the evaluation in a signed, sealed envelope, please place five copies of the completed recommendation in the envelope.)

Step 4 – Obtain official or unofficial copies of transcripts.

Step 5 – Visit <http://www.aafcs.org/programs/scholarships.htm> to download the Scholarship Payment Form to make a \$40 payment by **January 7, 2008**.

Step 6 – Mail five (5) hard copies or five (5) labeled CDs of the completed application form. Mailing should include one (1) payment and one (1) completed payment form in front and five (5) hard copies of recommendations and transcripts. Package should be **postmarked by January 7, 2008**, or earlier and mailed to

AAFCS Fellowships and Scholarship Programs
400 North Columbus Street
Suite 202
Alexandria, VA 22314

Step 7 – Visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ZG32cvIORRzs5UrIdIVjug_3d_3d by **January 7, 2008**, to submit **required information to us electronically**.

Review Process

Application packages are forwarded to jurors selected by the Awards and Recognition Committee. Jurors review the packages, assign points (for more on the point system see Evaluation Criteria, below), and then return their evaluation sheets to AAFCS headquarters. Those who apply for a National Undergraduate Scholarship and those who write letters of support for National Undergraduate Scholarship applicants cannot serve as jurors for National Undergraduate Scholarships.

The results of the review process will be announced in Spring 2008.

Duties and Responsibilities

National Undergraduate Scholarships are disbursed in installments and are awarded for the *sole* purpose of providing financial support for academic study in a field of family and consumer sciences. The following will be the responsibilities of those who are *chosen to receive a National Undergraduate Scholarship*:

- A completed and authenticated verification of enrollment and program of study form must be provided by the recipient's college or university before each installment of the scholarship award is disbursed.
- At the end of the academic year, the student submits a brief email report that indicates how the scholarship funds were used.

Evaluation Criteria

Application packages will be evaluated using the point system outlined below and can be awarded no more than 100 points (unless bonus credential points have been awarded). Guidelines, as to what jurors may consider for each criterion, are listed for clarification, ease in preparing the application package, and consistency in judging.

Ability to pursue undergraduate study.	Maximum 10 points
Experience in relation to preparation for study in proposed field.	Maximum 15 points
Special recognition and awards.	Maximum 5 points

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Voluntary participation in professional/community organizations and activities.	Maximum 10 points
Evidence (or degree) of professional commitment and leadership.	Maximum 10 points
Significance of proposed area of study to families and individuals.	Maximum 15 points
Professional goals.	Maximum 10 points
Written communication (grammar, etc.).	Maximum 5points
Evaluation of applicant's recommendations.	Maximum 10 points
Membership in the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences	
Nonmember	0 points
Member for <u>up to two</u> years.	2 points
Member for <u>two or more</u> years.	10 points
As of due date of application, applicant holds AAFCS credential(s) in family and consumer sciences. These are Certified in Family and Consumer Sciences (CFCS), Certified in Human Development and Family Studies (CFCS-HDFS), and Certified in Hospitality, Nutrition and Food Science (CFCS-HNFS).	5 bonus points