

## American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

### National Undergraduate Scholarship

#### 2011 Guidelines

The American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) awards undergraduate scholarships to individuals who have exhibited the potential to make contributions to the family and consumer sciences profession. Individuals who receive an undergraduate scholarship will receive financial support for the study of family and consumer sciences and a commemorative certificate. The name of the recipient and scholarship won will be reported in the AAFCS Annual Conference Program Book. Also, recipients of the scholarship will receive support toward one year of AAFCS membership and participation in the AAFCS Annual Conference & Exposition, where the scholarship award will be presented.

The field of family and consumer sciences (FCS) encompasses the study of relationships among people and their personal environments in order to strengthen communities and advance the well-being of individuals and families over their lifespan. FCS is rooted in the arts, social and natural sciences, and humanities. In order to address challenges related to the health of individuals, families, and communities, FCS uses integrative, interdisciplinary approaches that consider individuals and families in the context of their environments.

#### Eligibility

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

- Applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Applicant is currently enrolled in an undergraduate program that will continue into the coming academic year, has been admitted to an undergraduate program for the coming academic year, or has applied for admission to begin undergraduate study.
- Applicant is currently pursuing or will pursue a degree in family and consumer sciences or related specialized programs at the undergraduate level and is (or will be) enrolled for the academic year and is making satisfactory progress.
- Applicant does meet or is willing to meet the specific requirements of the scholarship (see section titled *Undergraduate Scholarship for the 2011-2012 Academic Year*).

Applicants who meet all requirements are eligible to apply for the 2011 AAFCS National Undergraduate Scholarship, but are not guaranteed financial assistance.

Former recipients of AAFCS Undergraduate Scholarships may apply for another year of scholarship funding if they meet the criteria of the scholarship, but former recipients are not guaranteed another scholarship. No student will be awarded more than one undergraduate scholarship in a given year. The scholarship will be awarded only when a qualified applicant is identified. Members of the AAFCS Board of Directors, Awards and Recognition Committee, and Development Committee are not eligible to apply during their terms of office. AAFCS staff members are not eligible to apply during their periods of employment with the Association.

#### Undergraduate Scholarship for the 2011-2012 Academic Year

##### Jewell L. Taylor National Scholarship

The Taylor 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, continuing her interest in AAFCS until her death. A \$5,000 scholarship and up to \$1,000 of support for one year of AAFCS membership and participation in the AAFCS Annual Conference will be awarded to **no more than one (1) qualified undergraduate student pursuing a degree in family and consumer sciences**.

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#### Application Process

To apply for the 2011 AAFCS National Undergraduate Scholarship, complete five steps by **January 18, 2011**:

Step 1 – Read the 2011 AAFCS National Undergraduate Scholarship Guidelines.

Step 2 – Visit the Frequently Asked Questions page at <http://www.aafcs.org/Recognition/FAQ.asp>.

Step 3 – Have a maximum of three (3) evaluators prepare a recommendation for the applicant by completing the [2011 AAFCS National Undergraduate Scholarship Recommendation Form](#) (found in Recognition section of the AAFCS website) and returning the completed recommendation form to the applicant.

Step 4 – Obtain official or unofficial copies of undergraduate transcripts.

Step 5 – Complete and submit the interactive 2011 AAFCS National Undergraduate Scholarship Application online (<http://precis2.preciscentral.com/Link.aspx?ID=E0AA23CCD3536F70>). As indicated in the application, upload the following by **January 18, 2011** or earlier:

- A. Resume that includes the following: educational background (include GPA on a 4-point scale), professional experiences (include responsibilities), special recognition and/or awards received and include dates (e.g., honors, awards, scholarships), participation in volunteer and community service activities, professional and leadership development activities, such as student organizations, and certifications, licenses or other background information (optional).
- B. Up to three recommendation forms (scan, if necessary, and upload).
- C. Undergraduate transcripts (scan, if necessary, and upload).

(To submit the attachments described in A., B., and C., you may upload Microsoft Word 97-2003 documents (.doc), JPEG images (.jpg), and Adobe Acrobat documents (.pdf) up to 3 megabytes.)

*Note: You may have submitted online applications for awards, grants, fellowships, or scholarships, or proposals for the AAFCS conference between 2004 and 2009, but you will create a new username and password to access this new system. The only exception is for those who submitted a proposal for the 2011 Annual Conference & Expo—those individuals can use the same 2011 conference username and password to submit a 2011 AAFCS award, grant, fellowship, or scholarship application.*

**Please keep a copy of all materials submitted to AAFCS; materials will not be returned to applicants.**

#### Review Process

Jurors selected by the AAFCS Awards and Recognition Committee review the applications online and assign points using the Evaluation Criteria (see section titled *Evaluation Criteria*). Individuals who apply for the 2011 AAFCS National Undergraduate Scholarship and those who write a letter of recommendation for a current applicant cannot serve as jurors for the scholarship. Additionally, jurors cannot judge applications from family members, their current students, students at their own institution, applicants who have the same employer, or any applicant for whom there may be a potential conflict of interest. An individual who has been nominated and/or applied for an award, grant, fellowship, or scholarship shall not serve as a juror for any award, grant, fellowship, or scholarship during the period of time in which his or her own nomination or application is being judged.

The scholarship recipient will be announced in the spring of the year awarded.

#### Duties and Responsibilities

AAFCS National Undergraduate Scholarships 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 the AAFCS National Undergraduate Scholarship*:

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- Scholarship funds will be sent to a university scholarship officer, who will disburse the scholarship award as designated in the acceptance forms that must be completed by AAFCS National Undergraduate Scholarship recipients.
- The scholarship officer will be instructed to disburse the funds in two or three installments, after August 1<sup>st</sup>, and prior to the beginning of fall semester (or trimester) and after January 1<sup>st</sup> and prior to the beginning of spring semester (or winter and spring trimesters). The scholarship officer will confirm enrollment status for each semester or trimester prior to disbursing scholarship funds.
- At the end of the academic year, the student is required to submit a brief email report that indicates how the AAFCS National Undergraduate Scholarship funds were used.

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Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated online using the point system outlined below and can be awarded no more than 100 points unless full bonus membership points are awarded, in which case 105 points are the maximum that can be awarded. Guidelines as to what jurors may consider for each criterion are listed for clarity in preparing the application and consistency in judging applications.

Evaluation Criteria	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Significance of proposed area of study to families and individuals.	15	_____
Evaluation of applicant's recommendations.	15	_____
Ability to pursue undergraduate study.	10	_____
Enrolled, admitted, or applied for undergraduate study in Family and Consumer Sciences	10	_____
Experience in relation to preparation for study in proposed field.	10	_____
Voluntary participation in professional/community organizations and activities.	10	_____
Evidence (or degree) of professional commitment and leadership.	10	_____
Professional goals.	10	_____
Special recognition and awards.	5	_____
Written communication (grammar, etc.).	5	_____
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	_____
<b>BONUS POINTS</b>		
As of the due date of the application, applicant has been an AAFCS member		
For <u>up to two</u> years.	3 <sup>†</sup>	
For <u>two or more</u> years.	5 <sup>†</sup>	
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE</b>	<b>105</b>	_____

<sup>†</sup>Partial points are not awarded for membership.

Recommend for the scholarship?     Yes     No

Comments to be shared with other jurors:

Comments to be shared with applicant:

Signature of Juror: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_