Scholarships Offered through the

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

CYNTIA DUDLEY ACADEMIC NURSING AWARD

This award was established by Dr. A. Gatewood Dudley and Cynthia Dudley. Award will be made to the graduating student from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at GSW who has achieved the highest GPA while a nursing student. This award will be given to one nursing student per year. The recipient of the award will be determined by the Scholarship Committee of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at GSW which should include the Head Nurse at Phoebe Sumter Medical Center.

LILLIE JOSEY DUDLEY ACADEMIC NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by Dr. A. Gatewood Dudley and Cynthia Dudley. Scholarship will be awarded to a student with the highest GPA upon acceptance to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and who has completed all core requirements at GSW. This award will be given to one nursing student per year and is renewable based upon the Scholarship Committee’s recommendation. If the scholarship award is not renewed, it will be offered to another newly admitted student according to the award criteria. The recipient of the Scholarship will be determined by the Scholarship Committee of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at GSW which should include the Head Nurse at Phoebe Sumter Medical Center. The Scholarship award amount will be credited to the student’s account at GSW.

BEBE GIBSON NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The BeBe Gibson Nursing Scholarship was established by Betsy and Henry Crisp in memory of Mrs. Crisp’s mother, BeBe Gibson. This scholarship will be awarded to an incoming freshman, a transfer student or a current student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at GSW.

The criteria are financial need, preference given to students from Sumter, Lee & Clay counties in Georgia, or to non-traditional students who have established verifiable residency in such counties, and students with a minimum 3.0 GPA. The number, amount and recipients will be determined by the Scholarship Committee of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at GSW.

SHANNON PEAVY KNOPES SCHOLARSHIP

This Memorial Scholarship was created by Shannon’s parents as a lasting tribute to their daughter who died as a result of complications caused by a legionella type virus contracted while working as a nurse. It is available to second year nursing majors who are in good academic standing at GSW. Preference is given to Houston County, Georgia, residents.

LOVEDA POWELL MCNAIR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Brenda Hunter Browning, ASN, an alumnus of GSW’s College of Nursing and Health Sciences (’64), established this scholarship in memory of her friend and former classmate. The recipient must be enrolled in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and a resident of the State of Georgia.

FRANCES PATRICK SCHOLARSHIP

The Frances Wynn Patrick Scholarship was established in honor of Mrs. Patrick, Class of 1942, by her husband Carl, founder of Carmike Cinemas in Columbus, Georgia. It is available to nursing students of good standing and covers tuition and fees for nursing supplies. Recipients must re-apply each year.
J. EMORY RYLANDER SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship was established by the family of J. Emory Rylander, founder of The Tog Shop in Americus, Georgia. Recipients must be a currently enrolled full-time student in good standing in the nursing program at GSW. Recipients must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to nursing, and must demonstrate good citizenship at GSW and in the community. This scholarship covers the amount of tuition and fees for one year and up to $500.00 for books, uniforms, and other supplies needed in the nursing courses.

HERSCHEL A. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP
The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia honored Dr. Herschel Smith, GSW’s first campus infirmary physician, by naming the GSW infirmary “The Herschel A. Smith Health Center.” Dr. Smith was instrumental in creating the nursing program at GSW. The award is offered to non-traditional nursing students of good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0.

JOAN SMITH SCHOLARSHIP
This award was established by Dr. Joan Smith, a former Professor of Nursing at GSW, to encourage career development in nursing. The ideal candidate should be a non-traditional student with preference being given to RN- BSN or second degree students. Financial need as well as academic excellence may also be a consideration.

ARD WATSON SCHOLARSHIP
The Ard Watson Scholarship Fund was created by his family to honor Mr. Watson, former Director of Clinical Labs at Sumter Regional Hospital, to encourage career development in nursing or other healthcare fields. Consideration is given to residents of Sumter County, Georgia, with a minimum GPA of 2.85.

NELL HOLT HOLMAN SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship was established by Americus resident Tom Holman in honor of his late wife, Nell Holt Holman, who passed away in 2011. Mr. Holman and his sons wanted to honor Mrs. Holman’s service to the community as a charge nurse at Magnolia Manor Nursing Center, providing care to Alzheimer’s patients for 18 years. This scholarship will be granted on the basis of financial need to GSW students who major in nursing – undergraduate or graduate. Preference will be given to students from Sumter County and surrounding areas.

WHEELER/PARKER SCHOLARSHIP
The Wheeler/Parker Scholarship was established by Jean and Wes Wheeler as an endowment to honor the Parker and Wheeler families. The criterion gives consideration to students who have financial need and meet GSW admission standards. This scholarship will be shared by the College of Business and Computing and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

WYSOCHANSKY SCHOLARSHIP
The Wysochansky Scholarship is awarded to a GSW student who is majoring in Chemistry or Nursing, and who has an academic excellence for a minimum of two years at the University level as demonstrated by a GPA of 3.0. This scholarship honors the memory and legacy of Dr. William (Bill) J. Wysochansky, a beloved GSW chemistry professor that had amazing impact on GSW.

AMERICUS AND SUMTER COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
Americus & Sumter County Hospital Authority Scholarship will be awarded annually at $7,500 to one student who is accepted into the GSW nursing program at the junior or senior level. Recipients are eligible to reapply for the scholarship, must be in good academic standing and must agree, in writing, to work at a Phoebe Sumter medical facility in Sumter County for a period of not less than two years upon graduation from the GSW nursing program.
REBECCA MCNEILL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by Dr. Sam Adams in honor of Mrs. Rebecca McNeill. Mrs. McNeill was a high school teacher and a college professor at GSW as well as an administrator. She was very influential in the life of Dr. Adams and many others. Preference will be given to students majoring in science or nursing with a GPA of 2.8 or higher.

ROSALYNN CARTER INSTITUTE FOR CAREGIVING

The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving (RCI) awards fellowships and scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students. These are available through a generous endowment to the RCI from John and Betty Pope. Awards are given to GSW students who are studying in caregiving-related areas or are working on caregiving projects that address the mission of the RCI. Contact the RCI at (229) 928-1234 or visit their website www.rosalynncarter.org for more information or to obtain an application.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS APRIL 1st

Recommendations for these scholarships are made by the faculty of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. These scholarships are awards by the Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee.

Applications are available in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

All scholarships are awarded based on fund availability.