Scholarships Offered through the School of Nursing
Georgia Southwestern State University

CYNTHIA 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 School of Nursing at Georgia Southwestern State University who has achieved the highest grade point average 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 School of Nursing at Georgia Southwestern State University 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 grade point average upon acceptance to the School of Nursing and who has completed all core requirements at Georgia Southwestern State University. 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 School of Nursing at Georgia Southwestern State University 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 School of Nursing 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 School of Nursing 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. The awards are in the amount of $500 per year and are 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 School of Nursing (’64), established this scholarship in memory of her friend and former classmate. The recipient must be enrolled in the School of Nursing 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 enrolled full-time in the School of Nursing, possess high academic standards, and demonstrate commitment and good moral character at GSW and in the community. The award covers a year of tuition and $500 for nursing supplies.

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 Georgia Southwestern. 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 CASH 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 School of Business and the School of Nursing.

AMERICUS SUMTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
Student must be accepted into the GSW nursing program at the junior/senior level, in good academic standing at time of initial award. Recipients are eligible to reapply for the scholarship, and must be in good academic standing to continue eligibility for this scholarship. Selected scholarship recipient must agree, in writing, to work at a Phoebe medical facility in Sumter County for a period of not less than two years upon graduation from, or within the first 3 months of completion of the GSW nursing program.

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE MADE BY THE FACULTY OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING.

THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED BY THE DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN THE OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING.

ALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE BASED ON FUND AVAILABILITY.