



**EAST CENTRAL**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**INCOMING FRESHMAN  
SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION PACKET**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2017**



# EAST CENTRAL

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dear Student:

Thank you for taking the initiative to complete the East Central Community College Incoming Freshman Scholarship Application. You are commended for your efforts.

**Please read the application very carefully and do not leave anything incomplete because incomplete applications will not be considered.** Some of the scholarships require additional documents. Please read the description of each scholarship that you are applying for carefully so that you will know exactly what each one requires.

There is a checklist on the next page of this booklet. The deadline for this application is March 3, 2017. **Late applications will not be considered.** Many past applicants would have received a scholarship if they had simply followed directions.

The Scholarship Committee will meet soon after the March 3 deadline. You will be notified shortly thereafter. Unfortunately, due to the large number of applicants, we are unable to notify those students who are not selected for scholarships. One condition of all of the scholarships is your attendance at a Scholarship Appreciation Reception and a written thank you note to the scholarship donor. At this reception, you will have the opportunity to meet the donors and to make publicity photos.

We are excited that you are considering East Central Community College to continue your education. We believe you will receive the best education for the money at ECCC.

Please call or email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Randall E. Lee  
Vice President for Student Services

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer all questions completely and correctly and provide additional documentation (Page 11, i.e. essays, letters of recommendation, etc.).
2. Include a resume of school and civic activities, offices held, jobs held, honors, etc.
3. Check the scholarships that you are applying for.
4. Complete all admissions requirements (i.e. application for admissions and financial aid).
5. Your High School Counselor completes the Counselor Verification of your GPA and ACT score.
6. Many scholarships have a financial need requirement. **You will not be considered for these scholarships if you have not applied for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), listed East Central Community College (Financial Aid Code: 002404) to receive this information, and included your Social Security Number on the application. For more information regarding the FAFSA you can visit their website at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).**
7. The Scholarship Application and all required documentation must be turned in together to the Student Services Office or postmarked no later than March 3, 2017.
8. Please **disassemble the scholarship packet** and return only the required documentation listed below.
9. Mail completed forms to:  
East Central Community College  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 129  
Decatur, MS 39327

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND ANY REQUIRED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION AT THE SAME TIME. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. (SEE LIST BELOW FOR REQUIRED DOCUMENTS)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Application (REQUIRED) (pg. 4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Verification (REQUIRED) (pg. 5)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Checklist (REQUIRED) (pgs. 6–10)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Documentation (if required) (pg. 11)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essays (if required) (pgs. 12-14)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Resume (**REQUIRED**) (pg. 15)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter(s) of Recommendation (if required)

**\*\*Application for the Denver Brackeen Scholarship is located on page 16. The description is listed on page 20.**

### NON-DISCRIMINATION

East Central Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or qualified disability in its educational programs and activities, employment practices, or admissions processes. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies of East Central Community College:

Inquiries regarding compliance with Title VI, ADEA, and Title IX are coordinated by Dr. Teresa Houston, Vice President for Instruction, Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building, Room 171, Post Office Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone: 601-635-6202, Fax: 601-635-4011, [thouston@eccc.edu](mailto:thouston@eccc.edu).

Inquiries regarding compliance with Section 504 and ADA are coordinated by Dr. Randall Lee, Vice President of Student Services, Eddie M. Smith Student Union, Room 201, Post Office Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone: 601-635-6375, Fax: 601-635-3247, [rlee@eccc.edu](mailto:rlee@eccc.edu).

## 2017-2018 EAST CENTRAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Failure to provide this information will eliminate you from consideration for scholarships listing financial need as criteria)**
3. Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
5. City: \_\_\_\_\_ 6. State: \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ 8. County: \_\_\_\_\_
9. How long have you lived in this county? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Were you home schooled? \_\_\_\_\_
11. School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Age: \_\_\_\_\_
14. College Major: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_
16. Career Plans: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Do you plan to attend ECCC full-time during the fall 2017 semester? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Graduation or GED Date: \_\_\_\_\_
19. Have you attended another college? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Are you or have you been employed with Triple V. Inc.? \_\_\_\_\_
21. Are you or any member of your family employees or stockholders of Land Bank of South Mississippi? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Have you or any member of your family been employed with U.S. Motors? (Please List Name & Relationship) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
23. Are you or any member of your family employed with La-Z-Boy South or have you been in the past? (Please list name & relationship) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
24. Are you a lineal descendant of Dr. Beverly Henry Oliphant-Martin and Mr. John E. Martin? \_\_\_\_\_  
Family member's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
25. Are you a lineal descendant of Dr. L.B. and Dixie Adkins? \_\_\_\_\_  
Family member's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
26. Are you a lineal descendant of Albert P. and Blanche W. Thompson? \_\_\_\_\_  
Family member's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
27. Do you agree to tutor students if a scholarship requires this? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Will you be enrolled in preparation for a ministry in full-time Christian service? \_\_\_\_\_
29. What is your Church Affiliation/Denomination? \_\_\_\_\_
30. Please list any hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNSELOR VERIFICATION FOR GPA AND ACT SCORE**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the above named student does have the following GPA and ACT score.

GPA (on 4.0 scale) \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNSELOR VERIFICATION FOR THE CHARLES AND JUDY DOWDLE THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the above named student has resided in Neshoba County for 3 or more years and will graduate from Philadelphia High School.

Philadelphia High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNSELOR VERIFICATION FOR THE FRED PRESTON DALLAS AND  
MAUDIE THREATT DALLAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the above named student does reside within the area designated on the map that is provided to the school.

Neshoba Central High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNSELOR VERIFICATION FOR THE WILKS-PALMER SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the above named student does reside within the area designated in the scholarship description in this application packet. (The Liberty Community)

Winston County High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNSELOR VERIFICATION FOR THE EC SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP & DR. FRANK & BOBBIE MCPHAIL BOWEN**

The following student is ranked in the top 10% of their class.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNSELOR VERIFICATION FOR THE DR. BEVERLY (HENRY) OLIPHANT-MARTIN  
AND MR. JOHN E. MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP**

The following student is ranked in the top 20% of their class.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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COUNTY	Please check Scholarships that you are applying for	SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE (RETURN WITH APPLICATION)
<b>LEAKE</b>		Dr. L.B. and Dixie Adkins Scholarship AT&T Scholarship W. Clayton Blount Scholarship Pleas Clayton and Amanda Breazeale Blount Memorial Scholarship Dr. Austin P. Boggan Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Paul V. and Voncile H. Breazeale Ministerial Scholarship Dan T. Chatwood Scholarship Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship Randy and Nina Cleveland Pre-Engineering Scholarship Nellie Neill Cross Scholarship Kyle Dunkerson Memorial Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> EC Scholars Scholarship Eastside Pawn and Gun Scholarship (Leake Academy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hubert D. Gilmore Scholarship Clyde B. and Flossie H. Goodson Scholarship John Grace Scholarship Sue Gunter Memorial Scholarship Dan Harrison Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sylvia Ann Graham Haywood Memorial Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey G. and Kathy L. Hitt Memorial Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> La-Z-Boy Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship Russell McCann Memorial Scholarship Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin Memorial Scholarship Mississippi Automotive Manufacturer's Association Scholarship Dr. Vernon Clyde & Vashti Muse Endowed Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Beverly (Henry) Oliphant-Martin and John E. Martin Scholarship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles P. Phillips and Bonnie Saxon Phillips Scholarship Shirley Renaud Memorial Scholarship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Willis E. Blum and Frances Gaines Blum Slagle Memorial Scholarship Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith Scholarship Square County Auctions Scholarship (Leake Central High School) Wallace Strickland Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship Albert P. and Blanche W. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric Scholarship Donald Gray Triplett Scholarship U.S. Electrical Motors Scholarship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James M. Vance Scholarship Ovid S. and Carol F. Vickers Scholarship Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent Scholarship Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial Scholarship Warrior Golf Classic Alumni Association Scholarship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weems Family Scholarship JC White Scholarship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jones and Carrie Williamson and Bascom and Hattie Chisolm Memorial Scholarship Youngblood Family Scholarship
<b>NESHOBA</b>		Dr. L.B. and Dixie Adkins Scholarship AT&T Scholarship W. Clayton Blount Scholarship Pleas Clayton and Amanda Breazeale Blount Memorial Scholarship Dr. Austin P. Boggan Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Paul V. and Voncile H. Breazeale Ministerial Scholarship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Cager Memorial Scholarship (Union High School only) Dan T. Chatwood Scholarship Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship Randy and Nina Cleveland Pre-Engineering Scholarship Kenny Coleman EMS Scholarship Prentice and Dorothy Copeland Scholarship Nellie Neill Cross Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Fred Preston Dallas and Maudie Threatt Dallas Memorial Scholarship (Preference Neshoba Central)

	Kyle Dunkerson Memorial Scholarship
	Eastside Pawn and Gun Scholarship (Leake Academy)
	■ EC Scholars Scholarship
	■ Hubert D. Gilmore Scholarship
	Clyde B. and Flossie H. Goodson Scholarship
	John Grace Scholarship
	Sue Gunter Memorial Scholarship
	■ Sylvia Ann Graham Haywood Memorial Scholarship
	Dan Harrison Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship
	■ Jeffrey G. and Kathy L. Hitt Memorial Scholarship
	■ La-Z-Boy Scholarship
	William Wade Long Memorial Scholarship
	■ Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship
	Russell McCann Memorial Scholarship
	Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin Memorial Scholarship
	■ Mississippi Automotive Manufacturer's Association Scholarship
	Dr. Vernon Clyde and Vashti Muse Endowed Scholarship
	Ben Myers Memorial Scholarship
	■ Dr. Beverly (Henry) Oliphant-Martin and John E. Martin Scholarship
	■ Charles P. Phillips and Bonnie Saxon Phillips Scholarship
	Shirley Renaud Memorial Scholarship
	Sam Rush Memorial Scholarship
	■ Willis E. Blum and Frances Gaines Blum Slagle Memorial Scholarship
	Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith Scholarship
	Jacob Stovall Memorial Scholarship
	Wallace Strickland Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship
	■ Charles and July Dowdle Thomas Scholarship (Philadelphia High Only)
	Albert P. and Blanche W. Thompson Memorial Scholarship
	Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric Scholarship
	Donald Gray Triplett Scholarship
	U.S. Electrical Motors Scholarship
	■ James M. Vance Scholarship
	Ovid S. and Carol F. Vickers Scholarship
	Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent Scholarship
	■ Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial Scholarship
	Warrior Golf Classic Alumni Association Scholarship
	■ Weems Family Scholarship
	JC White Scholarship
	■ Jack White and Mary Jo White Scholarship
	■ Jones and Carrie Williamson and Bascom and Hattie Chisolm Memorial Scholarship
	Youngblood Family Scholarship
<b>NEWTON</b>	Bobby Addy Memorial Scholarship
	Dr. L.B. and Dixie Adkins Scholarship
	AT&T Scholarship
	BankPlus Annual Scholarship (Newton, Newton County, Newton County Academy)
	Dr. Conrad C. Barnes, Jr. Math and Science Scholarship (Newton County High School)
	T.T. Beemon Scholarship (Little Rock resident only)
	W. Clayton Blount Scholarship
	Dr. Austin P. Boggan Scholarship
	Pleas Clayton and Amanda Breazeale Blount Memorial Scholarship
	■ Paul V. and Voncile H. Breazeale Ministerial Scholarship
	Jessica Cager Memorial Scholarship (Union High School Only)
	Dan T. Chatwood Scholarship
	Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship
	Randy and Nina Cleveland Pre-Engineering Scholarship
	Nellie Neill Cross Scholarship
	Fred Preston Dallas and Maudie Threatt Dallas Memorial Scholarship (Preference Neshoba Central)
	Kyle Dunkerson Memorial Scholarship
	■ EC Scholars Scholarship
	Ona Mae Ethridge Annual Scholarship
	Friendship Breakfast Club Scholarship
	■ Pam Harris Memorial Scholarship (Newton County High School)
	■ Hubert D. Gilmore Scholarship

		Clyde B. and Flossie H. Goodson Scholarship
		John Grace Scholarship
		Sue Gunter Memorial Scholarship
		Dan Harrison Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship
		■ Sylvia Ann Graham Haywood Memorial Scholarship
		■ Jeffrey G. and Kathy L. Hitt Memorial Scholarship
		Albert F. and Fannie M. Hollingsworth Scholarship (Lake High School)
		Johnson Family Engineering Scholarship
		James E. Land Memorial Scholarship
		■ La-Z-Boy Scholarship
		William Wade Long Memorial Scholarship
		■ Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship
		Russell McCann Memorial Scholarship
		Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin Memorial Scholarship
		■ Mississippi Automotive Manufacturer's Association Scholarship
		Dr. Vernon Clyde and Vashti Muse Endowed Scholarship
		■ Newton Rotary Club Scholarship
		■ Dr. Beverly (Henry) Oliphant-Martin and John E. Martin Scholarship
		Polk and Jennie Pace Scholarship
		■ Charles P. Phillips and Bonnie Saxon Phillips Scholarship
		Shirley Renaud Memorial Scholarship
		Ruth Round Volunteer Scholarship
		Dr. Omar Simmons Memorial Scholarship
		■ Willis E. Blum and Frances Gaines Blum Slagle Memorial Scholarship
		Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith Scholarship
		Willis W. "Bubba" Smith Scholarship (Newton County High School)
		Wallace Strickland Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship
		Albert P. and Blanche W. Thompson Memorial Scholarship
		Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric Scholarship
		■ Dustan Todd Memorial Scholarship (Newton County High School)
		Donald Gray Triplett Scholarship
		U.S. Electrical Motors Scholarship
		■ James M. Vance Scholarship
		Ovid S. and Carol F. Vickers Scholarship
		Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent Scholarship
		Warrior Golf Classic Alumni Association Scholarship
		■ Weems Family Scholarship
		JC White Scholarship
		■ Jack White and Mary Jo White Scholarship
		■ Jones and Carrie Williamson and Bascom and Hattie Chisolm Memorial Scholarship
		Youngblood Family Scholarship
<b>SCOTT</b>		Dr. L.B. and Dixie Adkins Scholarship
		AT&T Scholarship
		Board of Trustees Scholarship
		W. Clayton Blount Scholarship
		Pleas Clayton and Amanda Breazeale Blount Memorial Scholarship
		Dr. Austin P. Boggan Scholarship
		Paul V. and Voncile H. Breazeale Ministerial Scholarship
		Dan T. Chatwood Scholarship
		Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship
		Randy and Nina Cleveland Pre-Engineering Scholarship
		Nellie Neill Cross Scholarship
		Kyle Dunkerson Memorial Scholarship
		■ EC Scholars Scholarship
		■ Hubert D. Gilmore Scholarship
		Clyde B. and Flossie H. Goodson Scholarship
		John Grace Scholarship
		Sue Gunter Memorial Scholarship
		■ R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship
		Dan Harrison Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship
		■ Sylvia Ann Graham Haywood Memorial Scholarship
		■ Jeffrey G. and Kathy L. Hitt Memorial Scholarship
		Albert F. and Fannie M. Hollingsworth Scholarship (Lake High School)
		■ La-Z-Boy Scholarship



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Russell McCann Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>☑ Mississippi Automotive Manufacturer's Association Scholarship</li> <li>Dr. Vernon Clyde and Vashti Muse Endowed Scholarship</li> <li>■ Dr. Beverly (Henry) Oliphant-Martin and John E. Martin Scholarship</li> <li>Polk and Jennie Pace Scholarship</li> <li>☑ Charles P. Phillips and Bonnie Saxon Phillips Scholarship</li> <li>Shirley Renaud Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>☑ Willis E. Blum and Frances Gaines Blum Slagle Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith Scholarship</li> <li>Wallace Strickland Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship</li> <li>Albert P. and Blanche W. Thompson Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric Scholarship</li> <li>Donald Gray Triplett Scholarship</li> <li>U.S. Electrical Motors Scholarship</li> <li>☑ James M. Vance Scholarship</li> <li>Ovid S. and Carol F. Vickers Scholarship</li> <li>Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent Scholarship</li> <li>☑ Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Warrior Golf Classic Alumni Association Scholarship</li> <li>☑ Weems Family Scholarship</li> <li>JC White Scholarship</li> <li>☑ Bob Wilkerson Memorial Vo-Tech Scholarship</li> <li>☑ Jones and Carrie Williamson and Bascom and Hattie Chisolm Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Youngblood Family Scholarship</li> </ul>
<b>WINSTON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. L.B. and Dixie Adkins Scholarship</li> <li>AT&amp;T Scholarship</li> <li>W. Clayton Blount Scholarship</li> <li>Pleas Clayton and Amanda Breazeale Blount Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Dr. Austin P. Boggan Scholarship</li> <li>☑ Ernest Harrison Boswell Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>■ Paul V. and Voncile H. Breazeale Ministerial Scholarship</li> <li>Dan T. Chatwood Scholarship</li> <li>Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship</li> <li>Randy and Nina Cleveland Pre-Engineering Scholarship</li> <li>Nellie Neill Cross Scholarship</li> <li>Kyle Dunkerson Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>■ EC Scholars Scholarship</li> <li>Hubert D. Gilmore Scholarship</li> <li>Clyde B. and Flossie H. Goodson Scholarship</li> <li>John Grace Scholarship</li> <li>Sue Gunter Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Dan Harrison Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship</li> <li>☑ Sylvia Ann Graham Haywood Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>■ Jeffrey G. and Kathy L. Hitt Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>■ Hudspeth Scholarship</li> <li>■ La-Z-Boy Scholarship</li> <li>■ Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Russell McCann Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>☑ Mississippi Automotive Manufacturer's Association Scholarship</li> <li>Mississippi Land Bank Annual Scholarship</li> <li>Dr. Vernon Clyde and Vashti Muse Endowed Scholarship</li> <li>■ Dr. Beverly (Henry) Oliphant-Martin and John E. Martin Scholarship</li> <li>☑ Charles P. Phillips and Bonnie Saxon Phillips Scholarship</li> <li>Shirley Renaud Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>☑ Willis E. Blum and Frances Gaines Blum Slagle Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith Scholarship</li> <li>Wallace Strickland Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship</li> <li>Albert P. and Blanche W. Thompson Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric Scholarship</li> <li>Donald Gray Triplett Scholarship</li> <li>U.S. Electrical Motors Scholarship</li> </ul>

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<b>OUTSIDE DISTRICT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. L.B. and Dixie Adkins Scholarship</li> <li>AT&amp;T Scholarship</li> <li>Pleas Clayton and Amanda Breazeale Blount Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Dr. Austin P. Boggan Scholarship</li> <li>■ Paul V. and Voncile H. Breazeale Ministerial Scholarship</li> <li>Dan T. Chatwood Scholarship</li> <li>Nellie Neill Cross Scholarship</li> <li>Hubert D. Gilmore Scholarship</li> <li>Clyde B. and Flossie H. Goodson Scholarship</li> <li>☐ Sylvia Ann Graham Haywood Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>☐ Frances Aycock Johnson and Jo Ann Aycock Thomas Scholarship (Jasper County Only)</li> <li>Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>☐ Mississippi Automotive Manufacturer's Association Scholarship</li> <li>Mississippi Land Bank Annual Scholarship</li> <li>Dr. Vernon Clyde and Vashti Muse Endowed Scholarship</li> <li>■ Dr. Beverly (Henry) Oliphant-Martin and John E. Martin Scholarship</li> <li>☐ Charles P. Phillips &amp; Bonnie Saxon Phillips Scholarship</li> <li>Herman and Mosoura Rigby Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>☐ James M. Vance Scholarship</li> <li>Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent Scholarship</li> <li>☐ Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>☐ Weems Family Scholarship</li> <li>JC White Scholarship</li> <li>☐ Jones and Carrie Williamson and Bascom and Hattie Chisolm Memorial Scholarship</li> <li>Youngblood Family Scholarship</li> </ul>

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SCHOLARSHIPS REQUIRE THE COUNSELOR VERIFICATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR) AND A STUDENT RESUME.**

**■ INDICATES SCHOLARSHIPS THAT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION OTHER THAN COUNSELOR VERIFICATION AND RESUME. REFER TO PAGE 11 OF THE PACKET TO SEE WHAT ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED.**

**☐ INDICATES SCHOLARSHIPS THAT LIST FINANCIAL NEED AS A REQUIREMENT. IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON THE APPLICATION PAGE, YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS. IN ADDITION, IF YOU DO NOT MEET FEDERAL FINANCIAL NEEDS REQUIREMENTS, YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS.**

**PLEASE READ DESCRIPTIONS THOROUGHLY AND ONLY APPLY FOR THOSE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU QUALIFY.**

**ECCC is not responsible if a donor does not follow through with their promise to provide the funds for a scholarship. On rare occasions, a scholarship may not pay as much as noted in the catalog because of circumstances beyond our control.**

**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION NEEDED**

SCHOLARSHIPS	ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION
<p><b>All</b> scholarships require the documentation listed in the column to the right. The scholarships listed below require these documents as well as the additional documentation listed in the column to the right of the scholarship.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counselor Verification of GPA and ACT Score</li> <li>• Resume</li> </ul>
Jeffrey G. and Kathy L. Hitt Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Letters or recommendation (principal and pastor)</li> <li>• File for Federal Financial Aid and list EC as a school of choice</li> </ul>
Paul V. and Voncile H. Breazeale Ministerial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 or more letters of recommendation (principal, pastor &amp; personal acquaintance)</li> <li>• File for Federal Financial Aid and list EC as a school of choice</li> </ul>
Newton Rotary Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Letters of Recommendation (principal or superintendent, a teacher, and a prominent citizen)</li> </ul>
Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Letter of Recommendation (teacher)</li> </ul>
EC Scholars Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written verification of top 10% rank from High School Counselor</li> <li>• Agree to enroll in one of the honors programs at ECCC</li> </ul>
Board of Trustees Scholarship Ernest Harrison Boswell Memorial Scholarship Jessica Cager Memorial Scholarship Dan T. Chatwood Scholarship Randy and Nina Cleveland Pre-Engineering Scholarship Hubert D. Gilmore Scholarship Friendship Breakfast Club Scholarship Sue Gunter Memorial Scholarship R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship Pam Harris Memorial Scholarship Syliva Ann Graham Haywood Scholarship Frances Aycock Johnson and Jo Ann Aycock Thomas Scholarship Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin Memorial Scholarship Charles P. Phillips and Bonnie Saxon Phillips Scholarship Herman and Mosoura Rigby Memorial Scholarship Willis E. Blum and Frances Gaines Blum Slagle Memorial Scholarship Dustan Todd Memorial Scholarship James M. Vance Scholarship Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial Scholarship Weems Family Scholarship Jack White and Mary Jo White Scholarship Bob Wilkerson Memorial Vo-Tech Scholarship Jones and Carrie Williamson and Bascom and Hattie Chisolm Memorial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File for Federal Financial Aid and list EC as a school of choice</li> </ul>
Hudspeth Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One page essay on career goals and plans</li> <li>• File for Federal Financial Aid and list EC as a school of choice</li> </ul>
Wilks-Palmer Scholars Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One page essay stating that you live in the Liberty Community of Winston County and expressing why you desire to attend college</li> <li>• Counselor verification that student resides in the Liberty Community (Counselor Verification – Page 5)</li> </ul>
Fred Preston Dallas and Maudie Threatt Dallas Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written verification from High School Counselor that the applicant lives in the designated area (Counselor Verification – Page 5)</li> <li>• 4 letters of recommendation (classroom instructors)</li> <li>• File for Federal Financial Aid and list EC as a school of choice</li> </ul>
La-Z-Boy Scholarshp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One page essay on career goals and plans and why you desire to attend college</li> </ul>
Dr. Beverly (Henry) Oliphant-Martin and John E. Martin Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written verification of top 20% rank from High School Counselor (Counselor Verification – Page 5)</li> </ul>
Dr. Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written verification of top 10% rank from High School Counselor (Counselor Verification – Page 5)</li> </ul>
Charles and Judy Dowdle Thomas Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written verification from the High School Counselor that the applicant has resided in Neshoba County for three or longer (Counselor Verification – Page 5)</li> </ul>

# **ESSAY FOR THE HUDSPETH SCHOLARSHIP**

(CAN BE TYPED ON A SEPARATE PAGE AND INSERTED)

# **ESSAY FOR THE LA-Z-BOY SCHOLARSHIP**

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# **ESSAY FOR THE WILKS-PALMER SCHOLARSHIP**

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**STUDENT RESUME**  
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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL ATTENDED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# **APPLICATION FOR DENVER BRACKEEN SCHOLARSHIP**

(Please refer to the scholarship description listed on page 21 of this packet to ensure that you meet the qualifications)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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COLLEGE MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

CAREER PLANS: \_\_\_\_\_

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ARE YOU A LINEAL DESCENDANT OF DENVER BRACKEEN: \_\_\_\_\_?

- FAMILY MEMBER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

WAS ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY COACHED BY BRACKEEN AT EAST CENTRAL: \_\_\_\_\_

- NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

IF SELECTED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL YOU BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN AN AWARDS CEREMONY AND BE INVOLVED IN ANY PUBLICITY REGARDING THIS SCHOLARSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **COUNSELOR VERIFICATION FOR GPA AND ACT SCORE**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the above named student does have the following GPA and ACT score.

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

**BOBBY ADDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established in October of 2014 from proceeds of the annual Bobby Addy memorial Golf Tournament held at the Decatur Country Club.

Bobby Addy graduated from Newton County Agricultural High School where he was a four-year letterman in football. He was a businessman in the town of Decatur for 25 years and served as Mayor for 12 years and on the Board of Alderman for eight years. Mr. Addy helped organize Little League Baseball and the Jaycees in Decatur. He served in the National Guard for eight years and was a member of the Decatur Methodist Church, the Decatur Lions Club, and the Mississippi Turf Grass Association.

**Candidates for the Bobby Addy Memorial Scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Be an incoming freshman;**
- 2. Have a 3.0 GPA;**
- 3. Must be a resident of Newton County;**
- 4. Enroll as a full time student at East Central; and**
- 5. First priority will be given to a graduate of a high school in Newton County.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be \$500 for the fall semester of the recipient's freshman year. The ECCC Scholarship Committee will select the annual scholarship recipient.

**DR. L.B. AND DIXIE ADKINS SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established in May of 2012 by Dr. and Mrs. L.B. Adkins. Dr. L.B. Adkins, a graduate of East Central Junior College, practiced optometry in Union, Mississippi for 58 years. Dixie Adkins taught mathematics at Union High School for 28 years.

This scholarship is for any traditional or non-traditional student, but preference is given to descendants of the couple and to pre-healthcare or math education majors.

The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the endowment corpus may be used for the scholarship award. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

**Scholarship criteria:**

- 1. Any traditional or non-traditional student with preference given to descendants of the couple; and**
- 2. Preference given to pre-healthcare or math education majors.**

**AT&T SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship fund was initiated on December 30, 2002, and formally established in April of 2003 by AT&T Communications, Inc. through a gift of \$10,000.00, \$2,500.00 of which funds the annual scholarship luncheon. The remaining \$7,500.00 provides scholarships to entering freshman students who are pursuing a degree in education or business at East Central Community College. The recipient(s) must reside in an area where AT&T provides telecommunications services and maintain residence in a AT&T area while attending the College. Recipient(s) will be selected by the East Central Community College Scholarship Committee. ECCC will provide the names of the recipients to AT&T each year for appropriate publicity.

**Scholarship criteria:**

- 1. Student must reside in an area where AT&T provides telecommunications services and maintain residence in a AT&T area while attending the college; and**
- 2. Pursue a degree in education or business.**

**BANKPLUS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship has been established to provide one \$500 freshman scholarship and one \$500 sophomore scholarship at East Central Community College for students majoring in the area of Business.

**To be eligible, recipients must:**

- 1. Be a graduate of Newton Municipal, Newton County, or Newton County Academy;**
- 2. Be a student in good standing;**
- 3. Be a full-time student majoring in the area of Business;**
- 4. Have demonstrated academic achievement; and**

## **5. Be of good moral character and have demonstrated leadership ability.**

Scholarship will be awarded on a year-to-year basis dependent on the availability of funding. The recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and who meet the criteria listed above.

**DR. CONRAD C. BARNES, JR. MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP** – To honor the life and work of Conrad Clement Barnes, Jr. D.M.D., this \$1,000 scholarship is given to an outstanding student and graduating senior who plans to major in math or one of the basic sciences at East Central Community College. Dr. Barnes was a long-time resident of Newton County and practiced general dentistry in Natchez, Mississippi for over thirty years. In order to encourage interest and reward effort in these fields, this scholarship will be awarded annually in memory of Dr. Barnes for whom math and science was a lifelong passion.

### **To be eligible, potential recipients must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Must be a graduate of Newton County High School;**
- 2. Must plan to enroll in college full-time after graduation from high school;**
- 3. Must major in a math or basic sciences field; and**
- 4. Must have maintained at least a “B” grade point average (3.0 on 4.0 scale).**

The annual recipient will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and who meet the criteria listed above. The scholarship award shall be equal to \$500 for the fall semester and \$500 for the spring semester of the recipient’s freshman year dependent on the availability of funding.

**T. T. BEEMON SCHOLARSHIP** - Endowed in 2001, this award was funded by T. T. Beemon, Class of '37 and his wife, the former Mary Emma Fancher. A Newton County native, he graduated in 1935 from Beulah Hubbard High School. After East Central, he graduated from Mississippi Southern College. He then taught at the high school level before serving in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945. After military service, he was employed at Hinds Community College where he stayed for 38 years, retiring in 1983 as biology instructor and chairman of the Biology Department. Mrs. Beemon was born in Choctaw County and graduated from Weir High School. Her family then moved to Louisville in Winston County. She graduated from Mississippi Woman's College, now William Carey College in Hattiesburg. She also retired from Hinds Community College, where she was a math instructor. Early in her career, she taught in Louisville where her students included Miss Lucille Wood, longtime EC instructor and one of the two people for whom the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building is named.

### **Criteria for the T. T. Beemon Scholarship include the following:**

- 1. Must be a resident of the Little Rock, Mississippi area;**
- 2. Must plan to enroll in college full-time after graduation from high school;**
- 3. Must major in a science field such as chemistry or biology; and**
- 4. Must plan a career in pre-med, pre-dentistry, or a related field.**

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee and the award will be made during the first semester of the freshman year. Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship awards.

**W. CLAYTON BLOUNT SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established in 1995 in honor and appreciation of Coach Clayton Blount by his former students. During his employment at East Central Junior College from the years 1953 through 1970, Coach Blount served in various capacities including physical education teacher, head basketball coach, assistant football coach, head football coach, dean of men, and athletic director. Coach Blount expected much of the students and athletes with whom he worked. He was a father figure and an exceptional disciplinarian. He expected the students and athletes to conduct themselves in a very decent manner at all times and to bring honor to the college that they represented. The rapport he had with his students allowed him to be very demanding of them while still keeping their respect and admiration. Because of his high expectations and discipline, many of the students with whom Clayton Blount was associated are now successful and respected citizens.

### **The following policies and requirements relate to the administration of this scholarship.**

- 1. All funds contributed will be placed in endowment with only the interest expended each year for the scholarship awards. Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus for this scholarship fund shall be used for the scholarship award. No part of the endowment corpus shall be used for the scholarship awards.**
- 2. A recipient will be selected annually by the East Central Community College Scholarship Committee from the pool of applicants.**

3. **Each recipient must:**

- a. **Be a graduate of a high school from the five-county area supporting East Central Community College;**
- b. **Have a high school grade point average of 3.0 or above; and**
- c. **Not have been involved in any activity which would bring discredit to the College.**

The scholarship will be available to the recipient beginning the fall semester following high school graduation. One-half of the scholarship will be awarded the fall semester and one-half will be awarded the following spring semester. To retain the scholarship for the spring semester, the student must earn a 2.5 GPA on the 4.0 scale during the fall semester.

**PLEAS CLAYTON AND AMANDA BREAZEALE BLOUNT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship endowment was started in the fall of 2000 in memory Pleas Clayton and Nancy Amanda Breazeale Blount and in honor and memory of her children. Her 12 children include Henry Clayton Blount, Lillie Blount Gallaspy Wright, Jasper Monroe Blount, Hardy Edmund Blount, John Elzie Blount, Lou Ella Blount Gordon Kennedy, Ida Mae Blount Foy, Minnie Lee Blount Wall, Edna Blount Ware, Ruby Blount Robinson Mayberry, Clarence Malcolm Blount, and Lloyd Lamar Blount.

Mrs. Blount served as the dietician at East Central Community College from 1933 until her retirement in 1950. She was succeeded by her daughter, Mrs. Lou Ella Gordon, who continued as the College's dietician until the early 1960's. The Gordon Room in Mabry Cafeteria is named for Mrs. Gordon.

**Criteria for applicants for the Blount Scholarship are as follows:**

1. **Must be a resident of the United States;**
2. **Must have maintained at least a "B" grade point average (3.0 on 4.0 scale) throughout high school;**
3. **Must pursue a bachelor's degree; and**
4. **Must enroll full-time at the College.**

In addition to high school seniors, the scholarship is open to students who have been enrolled in adult and continuing education and others who meet the criteria.

The amount of the scholarship award, to be given for both semesters of the freshman year, will be based on earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from applicants who meet the criteria listed above.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP** - The Board of Trustees Scholarship was established in the spring of 1999 by the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. This tuition scholarship is awarded annually to a student from one of the five counties in the district on a rotating basis. The rotation will be in this order: Leake County, Neshoba County, Newton County, Scott County, and Winston County. The scholarship is funded by donations from the College's 30-member Board of Trustees.

**To be eligible, potential recipients must meet the following criteria:**

1. **Be a resident of the College's five-county supporting districts;**
2. **Be in need of financial assistance; and**
3. **Have at least a 2.5 (C+) grade point average on a 4.0 scale.**

The scholarship recipient will be selected annually by the College Scholarship Committee.

**DR. AUSTIN P. BOGGAN SCHOLARSHIP** - Established in 1998, this scholarship shall be awarded annually to a freshman pre-med major. The endowment was funded by the family and friends of Austin P. Boggan, a Decatur physician for over 40 years. Dr. Boggan completed high school at Rose Hill in Jasper County. After graduating from Jones County Junior College, Boggan served in the Army for three years. He then obtained a zoology degree from Mississippi State University. After completing two years of study at the University of Mississippi, he transferred to the Tulane University School of Medicine where he received the Doctor of Medicine degree.

Scholarship recipient selection shall be made by the College Scholarship Committee.

**To be considered, candidates must meet the following minimum criteria:**

1. **Be a pre-med major; and**
2. **Have earned at least a 3.0, or "B" grade point average in high school**

Graduates of high schools within the College's five-county district including Scott, Winston, Newton, Leake, and Neshoba counties will be given first consideration for the annual scholarship award. However, students from other areas may also apply and may be considered.

The scholarship amount is estimated to be approximately \$500 for the first semester of the freshman year. However, the actual amount each year will depend upon the annual earnings from the scholarship endowment. The award will be made for the fall semester of the student's freshman year only.

**ERNEST HARRISON BOSWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was given in memory of Ernest Harrison Boswell by his wife, Rebecca Henry Boswell, and children, Ann Spell, Linda Montgomery, Karen Gibson, and Harry Boswell.

He was a native of Louisville, Mississippi and graduated from ECJC in 1940. Leaving with the National Guard unit from Decatur, he spent the next several years in the Army in WWII. He graduated with a master's degree in Geology from the University of Alabama in 1949.

He was a nationally recognized expert on the geohydrology of the Embayment Area of the Southeastern United States. He also authored more than 30 scientific reports and papers. He received the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award in 1983.

Boswell and Rebecca met at ECJC and carried a love for it throughout their life together.

**To be eligible for the Ernest Harrison Boswell Memorial Scholarship the student must:**

- 1. Be a male, incoming freshman;**
- 2. Reside in Winston County;**
- 3. Have a minimum 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale;**
- 4. Plan to enroll full time at East Central; and**
- 5. Demonstrate financial need.**

Recipients who receive the scholarship their freshman year are eligible for the scholarship their sophomore year if a "B" grade point average is maintained and full-time status at East Central is maintained.

The amount of the scholarship award will be based on earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

**DR. FRANK AND BOBBIE MCPHAIL BOWEN SCHOLARSHIP** – Dr. Bowen, a Carthage physician, and Mrs. Bowen met at East Central as freshman and were members of the Class of 1941. They married in 1943. Dr. Bowen, a Memphis, Tennessee native, was reared in Oktibbeha County near the Winston County line. Mrs. Bowen grew up in Leake County. After East Central, where he was a member of the KALJYC-PEERS leadership group established by former English instructor Leon Eubanks, Dr. Bowen worked for 18 months and then joined the military. After World War II, he earned both the B.A. and B.S. degrees from Ole Miss, studied at the University Medical Center in Jackson, and then earned his M.D. from the University of Tennessee in 1951. Mrs. Bowen studied at Mississippi Southern College, now the University of Southern Mississippi, and was a teacher. They had one son, Frank W. Bowen, Jr. They established the Bowen Scholarship because East Central is where "they got their start" as a couple, and they believe a deserving person needs to be provided a good education. The primary criteria for potential scholarship recipients are as follows:

- 1. Be a graduate of a high school in Leake County (public, private, or parochial school);**
- 2. Be in the top 10 percent of their high school class; and**
- 3. Enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based on earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

**DENVER BRACKEEN SCHOLARSHIP** - The Denver Brackeen Scholarship was established in 2005 in appreciation, honor, and recognition of his service to East Central Junior College by former men's basketball players who played under his tutelage from 1956 until 1963. Coach Brackeen served in various capacities at East Central in addition to basketball coach including counselor, Director of Admissions, Academic Dean, Director of Financial Aid, and Dean of

Students, of which he was the first in Mississippi Public Junior Colleges. In recognition of his dedication and devotion to the College, the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building is named for him and longtime ECCC coach/instructor Lucille Wood.

Brackeen was an outstanding basketball player and student at Hickory High School, East Central Junior College, and the University of Mississippi. He also played professionally for the New York Knickerbockers. Throughout his basketball career, he received numerous state, regional, and national awards for his accomplishments.

In addition to his outstanding contributions to East Central Junior College, Brackeen also had a most distinguished career with the Mississippi National Guard having served as Mississippi's Adjutant General during Desert Storm and had reached the rank of Brigadier General when he retired from military service. At the time of his death in 2006, he was serving as a member of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

**The following policies and procedures will be used in the administration and subsequent awarding of the Denver Brackeen Scholarship:**

1. All contributions will be placed in endowment with only the interest expended each year the scholarship is awarded.
2. The scholarship recipient will be selected and the monetary amount will be determined by a committee of five. Four of the five members will be former players who will serve a four-year term. The initial committee appointments will be made on a staggered basis so that members will rotate off at varying times. The fifth member will be Brackeen's widow, Charlotte. The selection committee will be responsible for maintaining membership for future years.
3. First priority for the scholarship recipient each year will be given to applicants who are lineal descendents of Brackeen or one of the players who played for him at East Central Junior College from 1956-1963. Each applicant qualifying for consideration under this provision must present in writing the lineal connection to Brackeen or one of his players.
4. Should there be no applicants which meet the lineal descendent requirement, consideration may be given to applicants which meet the following requirements:
  - A high school graduate with a 2.5 GPA;
  - Have participated in extracurricular activities in high school;
  - A secondary education major;
  - Be able to present definable career goals, plans and aspirations;
  - Be willing to participate in an award ceremony and agreeable to publicity regarding the scholarship; and
  - Not involved in any activity which would bring discredit to East Central Community College.
5. The Denver Brackeen Scholarship will be awarded for two semesters. Each award recipient may reapply for a second year consisting of two semesters.
6. Applications will be accepted through the end of March each year. At that time all applications will be presented to the selection committee.
7. In the event a scholarship is not awarded in any year, the interest that would have been used to fund the scholarship will be deposited into the scholarship endowment.

**(APPLICATION FOR THE DENVER BRACKEEN SCHOLARSHIP IS FOUND ON PAGE 16 OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PACKET)**

**PAUL V. AND VONCILE H. BREAZEALE MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Mr. and Mrs. Paul Breazeale, both alumni of East Central Community College, established the Paul V. and Voncile H. Breazeale Trust Fund in 1995. The proceeds from this trust fund provide a scholarship to an incoming, full-time, freshman student who demonstrates financial need and who is enrolled in a curriculum which will prepare the student for a ministry in full-time Christian service. Preference will be given to Baptist students. The East Central Community College Scholarship Committee will make the annual selection from the applicants who have completed the application process and met the general eligibility requirements. Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus for this scholarship fund shall be used for the scholarship award. No part of the endowment corpus shall be used for the scholarship.

**To be eligible for the scholarship the student must:**

1. Be a high school graduate as verified by a high school transcript;
2. Be a first-time, entering freshman in the fall semester;
3. Demonstrate financial need on a current federal student financial aid form; and
4. Provide letters of recommendation from his/her high school principal, local pastor, and a personal acquaintance.

To retain the scholarship for the four semesters of eligibility, the student must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA as a student at East Central Community College and exhibit those characteristics which are expected of one who intends to follow a career in full-time Christian service.

**JESSICA CAGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in December of 2010 by Piggly Wiggly of Union, Inc. in memory of Jessica Cager, an employee of Piggly Wiggly who lost her life in an automobile accident on October 17, 2010. Jessica was a 2004 graduate of Union High School and a 2008 graduate of East Central Community College. While at East Central, Jessica was a member of the Wall O’ Sound Band’s Color Guard, Concert Choir, Ac’cents Show Choir, and the Gospel Choir.

**Candidates for the Jessica Cager Memorial Scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

1. **Be a graduate of Union High School;**
2. **Be an incoming freshman participating in the band or choir;**
3. **Show financial need; and**
4. **Have a 2.5 GPA.**

**DAN T. CHATWOOD SCHOLARSHIP** – The Dan T. Chatwood Scholarship was established in 2015 in appreciation, honor, and recognition of his service to East Central Community College by former football players who played with him in 1957 and 1958 and for him as a coach from 1961 until 1965.

Dan Chatwood was a standout halfback at East Central in 1957 and 1958. He went on to play football at the University of Chattanooga in 1959 and 1960 while earning his bachelor’s degree in education. He later completed his master’s degree in administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. Chatwood returned to EC as an assistant football coach from 1961 to 1963 and served as head football coach from 1965 to 1966. During his coaching tenure, East Central won the Exchange Bowl Championship and Chatwood was named Mississippi Junior College “Coach of the Year” for 1965. He also served as president of the Mississippi Junior College Coaches Association. After serving as offensive coordinator at Southeastern Louisiana University, Dan Chatwood joined the corporate world in 1979 and enjoyed numerous successful business accomplishments until his retirement in 2001.

**This two-semester scholarship will be awarded each year to a freshman student who meets the following criteris:**

1. **Be enrolled as a full-time student at ECCC as a freshman in the year after graduating high school;**
2. **Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA or equivalent in high school upon entering freshman year at ECCC;**
3. **Must have a need for some level of financial assistance.**

The East Central Community College Scholarship Committee will screen and select recipients from students who apply and who meet the criteria listed above. The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards. There will be no refund to the student for money not used to fund his/her education at ECCC. In the event the scholarship is not awarded any year, the interest that would have been used to fund the scholarship will be deposited in the scholarship endowment.

**CITIZENS BANK OF PHILADELPHIA SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established in 1992 by The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia. The scholarship will be available to a selected recipient from one of the five East Central Community College District counties served by this bank. These counties include Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston. This \$500 scholarship will be available for the fall and spring semesters of each recipient’s freshman year.

**To be eligible, a recipient must:**

1. **Enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation;**
2. **Reside in an area served by The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia in the East Central Community College District;**
3. **Have demonstrated leadership ability in his/her high school; and**
4. **Have scored a composite of 20 or above on the ACT.**

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and meet the criteria listed above.

**RANDY AND NINA CLEVELAND PRE-ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship is established in recognition of the support and assistance East Central Community College (ECCC) provided to Randy Cleveland in the field of engineering. This scholarship is intended to assist those students entering the engineering field.

Randy Cleveland is a native of the Mount Zion Community near Union and graduated from Decatur High School in 1979. He attended ECCC in pre-engineering before receiving his B.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering from Mississippi State University in 1983. He is a member of the MSU Engineering Dean’s Advisory Council and is on the MSU Foundation Board of Directors. He has more than 30 years of experience with Exxon Mobil Corporation and is currently president of its wholly owned subsidiary XTO Energy, Inc., the largest oil and gas producer in the United States. He is married to Nina Ward Cleveland of Demopolis, Ala., and they reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

**This two semester scholarship will be awarded each year to a freshman student who meets the following criteria:**

- 1. Resides in one of the five counties served by East Central Community College;**
- 2. Is enrolled full-time at ECCC as a freshman in the year after graduating high school;**
- 3. Has a minimum 3.4 GPA or equivalent in high school upon entering freshman year at ECCC;**
- 4. Is enrolled in Pre-Engineering with intent to pursue a B.S. degree or higher in engineering; and**
- 5. Has a need for some level of financial assistance.**

The East Central Community College Scholarship Committee will screen and select recipients from students who apply and who meet the criteria listed above.

**KENNY COLEMAN GENERAL EMS SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in 2009 by the Neshoba County General Hospital and Nursing Home located in Philadelphia, Mississippi. The annual scholarship of \$750 will be awarded for the fall semester to a healthcare student enrolled at East Central Community College – dependent upon the availability of funding.

**To be eligible, applicants must:**

- 1. Be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Neshoba County;**
- 2. Have at minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and**
- 3. Be accepted into the EMS program at ECCC.**

The recipient will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and who meet the criteria listed above

**PRENTICE AND DOROTHY COPELAND SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in April of 2011 in honor of the Copelands and their contributions to education. Prentice and Dorothy Copeland are both lifelong residents of Neshoba County, Mississippi. Dorothy, a graduate of Bloomo High School in Neshoba County, was a home maker and supportive of her husband all throughout his career in education. Prentice started his educational pursuits at Bond Elementary in Neshoba County and graduated high school at Bond before attending East Central Junior College. He received his bachelor’s degree in math in 1951 and his Master’s degree in Math in 1954 from Mississippi Southern, now known as the University of Southern Mississippi. At the time he graduated from college, Prentice had taken every math course that the institution offered.

Mr. Copeland served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Army National Guard during the Korean War. After his discharge from the Army, he started his teaching career at Coldwater where he taught Math before teaching at Zephyr Hill for four years until the consolidation of the Neshoba County Schools. Mr. Copeland served as the first high school principal of Neshoba Central in 1963, a position he held until 1967 when he was elected Superintendent of the Neshoba County Schools. He served as Superintendent until his retirement in 1988. Over his career in education, Prentice taught math and coached basketball for 10 years, served as high school principal for six years, and served as superintendent for 21.5 years for a total of 37.5 years in the field of education. Mr. Copeland has continued to serve on the East Central Community College Board of Trustees since 1967 and was Chairman of the Board from 1996 until December, 2011.

The recipient of the Prentice and Dorothy Copeland Scholarship will be selected annually by the ECCC Scholarship Committee from applicants who have met the following scholarship criteria:

- 1. Be a graduate of a high school in Neshoba County with preference given to a Neshoba Central High School student;**
- 2. Enroll at East Central Community College full time in the fall following high school graduation;**
- 3. Have a minimum of a “B” average on all high school Math courses taken; and**

#### **4. Preference given to students majoring in Math.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus and will be awarded the recipient's freshman year. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards.

**NELLIE NEILL CROSS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** — This scholarship was established in memory of the late Nellie Neill Cross by her former students and friends. Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus for this scholarship fund shall be used for the scholarship award. No part of the endowment corpus shall be used for the scholarship awards. Mrs. Cross served East Central as a member of the faculty, as manager of the Sullivan Student Center and as a loyal supporter of the College for more than fifty years. The scholarship will be awarded annually to an entering freshman who plans to major in music with an emphasis in voice.

#### **Selection criteria:**

- 1. Be an entering freshman; and**
- 2. Major in music with an emphasis in voice.**

**FRED PRESTON DALLAS AND MAUDIE THREATT DALLAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established in 1991 to assist deserving graduates of Neshoba Central High School who reside in the southeast quarter of Neshoba County (indicated on an available map) to attend East Central Community College. It was established and funded by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas in their memory and in honor of their interest in education. Seven of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas' eight children attended East Central Junior College.

In the event that an eligible student is not selected from the designated area during a period of five years, then any eligible student living in Neshoba or Newton Counties may be considered. In the event an eligible student is not selected during the five-year period from these two counties, then any eligible student may be considered from the entire community college district.

The amount of the scholarship award should be based on the calendar year ending December 31st prior to the fall semester. The amount of the scholarship available should be the earnings in excess of the inflation rate up to the cost of tuition, room and board for a year.

The endowment fund may be increased, from time to time, by appropriate contributions from the founders or from others. Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus for this scholarship fund shall be used for the scholarship award. No part of the endowment corpus shall be used for the scholarship awards.

#### **Requirements:**

- 1. The person selected must have a demonstrated financial need, as determined by the College Scholarship Committee.**
- 2. The person selected must have high moral standards, good character, and must not be a substance abuser.**
- 3. The recipient must have demonstrated the capacity and a strong desire to obtain a college education.**
- 4. The award will be for students pursuing an academic (university transfer) education only.**
- 5. The scholarship is to be awarded on Awards Day at the appropriate high school.**
- 6. The recipient must show potential for leadership and academic excellence.**
- 7. The freshman scholarship recipient does not need to reapply for consideration for a second year; however, the student must have a D or above in all classes, must have an average of C or above, continue to have financial need, and have a clear disciplinary record.**
- 8. Funds from this scholarship are to be applied to the educational expenses of the recipients.**
- 9. The recipients are to be selected by the College Scholarship Committee. The recipients will be selected from students recommended by at least four of their senior high school classroom teachers who agree that the students meet the above requirements.**

**KYLE DUNKERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established in 2012 by Angela and Jody Kyzar, along with family and friends, to honor the memory of Kyle Ray Dunkerson. Kyle was the son of Angela and Jody Kyzar of Decatur, MS, and Carrie Dunkerson of Alabama. He attended East Central Community College and was a graduate of Newton County High School. At Newton County, he was a member of the NCHS soccer and football teams. He went on to join the 2010 EC Warrior Soccer team. Kyle filled his days riding horses, fishing, hunting, playing catch with his brother Zac, and playing golf. He loved hanging out with friends and family and riding around in his Jeep. Kyle was an active



member of Clarke Venable Baptist Church. His smile and personality were larger than life; his smile could brighten anyone's day. Kyle lived his life to the fullest and enjoyed every minute.

**Candidates for the Kyle Dunkerson Memorial Scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

1. **Be an incoming freshman;**
2. **Have a 2.0 to a 2.9 GPA;**
3. **Enroll as a full time student at East Central;**
4. **Be a resident of the five-county district served by the college;**
5. **Have a strong interest in the outdoors and riding horses; and**
6. **First priority will be given to a graduate of Newton County High School.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for the scholarship award. The ECCC Scholarship Committee will select a scholarship recipient annually after applications have been reviewed by the Kyzar family.

**EAST CENTRAL SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established by the College in the summer of 1999. Individuals, businesses, and groups provide these two-year full tuition scholarships to select in-district students who are in the top ten percent of their high school classes.

**To be eligible, potential recipients must meet the following criteria:**

1. **Be in the top 10 percent of their high school classes;**
2. **Enroll as full-time students at East Central the first semester after high school graduation; and**
3. **Maintain at least a "3.0" average during their four semesters at East Central.**

Qualified recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee. For more information, contact the Vice President for Student Services Office at East Central Community College.

Scholarship donors will be invited to attend a luncheon each spring to meet the students who receive the scholarships that they provide. Donors are also encouraged to initiate a "mentoring" relationship with the recipients and to monitor their academic progress.

**EASTSIDE PAWN AND GUN SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in 2014 by Joe Andy Helton, owner of Eastside Pawn and Gun. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a freshman student. The recipient will receive \$250 for the fall semester.

**To be eligible for the scholarship the student must:**

1. **Be a graduate of Leake Academy; and**
2. **Enroll at East Central Community College full time in the fall following high school graduation.**

The recipient will be selected annually by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

**ONA MAE ETHRIDGE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Mrs. Ona Mae Ethridge was a kind, caring and devoted elementary school teacher who worked extremely hard to understand each individual. Her high standards and connections with her students made her an extraordinary teacher who had a great desire to pass on her infectious excitement about learning to others. Before leaving her loved profession, she set up the scholarship to encourage others to continue their education and reach their goals.

This scholarship has been established to provide a \$500 annual scholarship, \$250 per semester, at East Central Community College.

**To be eligible, scholarship recipients must meet the following criteria:**

1. **Be a graduate of Newton County High School;**
2. **Be a student in good standing**
3. **Have demonstrated academic achievement; and**
4. **Be of high moral character and have demonstrated leadership ability.**

Scholarships will be awarded on a year-to-year basis dependent on the availability of funding. The recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and who meet the criteria listed above.

**FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST CLUB SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in 2014 by the Friendship Breakfast Club of Newton, Mississippi. The recipient of the scholarship will be selected by the East Central Community College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and who meet the criteria listed below. The annual scholarship recipient will be awarded \$500 for the fall semester.

**To be eligible, a recipient must:**

1. **Enroll as a full-time student and remain full-time during the semester the recipient receives the scholarship award;**
2. **Reside in Newton County;**
3. **Must have financial need;**
4. **Have good academic standing;**
5. **Be free of any disciplinary problems, and**
6. **Display leadership qualities and good citizenship.**

There will be no refund to the student for money not used to fund his/her education at East Central Community College. In the event a scholarship is not awarded in any year, the scholarship award will remain in the scholarship fund.

**HUBERT D. GILMORE SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was created in 2000 to benefit students needing financial assistance who agree to tutor other students who need academic help.

**Criteria for the Gilmore Scholarship are as follows:**

1. **Possess the academic ability to do so and agree to tutor other students who need academic help;**
2. **Have a need for financial assistance;**
3. **Be motivated to receive an education; and**
4. **Be willing to participate in an annual scholarship luncheon and to take part in accompanying publicity related to the scholarship award.**

The amount of the annual scholarship will depend on earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for the scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee.

**CLYDE B. AND FLOSSIE H. GOODSON SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in December of 2010 in honor of Clyde B. and Flossie H. Goodson from the estate of Jane M. Goodson.

**The recipient of the Goodson Scholarship will be selected annually by the ECCC Scholarship Committee from applicants who have met the following scholarship criteria:**

1. **Enroll at East Central Community College full time; and**
2. **Plan to major in forestry or horticulture.**

Graduates from the college's five county district (Newton, Neshoba, Leake, Winston and Scott) will be given first consideration for the scholarship award. However, students from other areas may also apply and be given consideration.

The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards. Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. There will be no refund to the student for money not used to fund his/her education at ECCC. In the event a scholarship is not awarded in any year, the interest that would have been used to fund the scholarship will be deposited in the scholarship endowment.

**JOHN GRACE SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established by former East Central football players coached by John Grace to honor him as an outstanding coach and mentor. Coach Grace served as head football coach at East Central from 1951 and 1953.

The scholarship award of \$250 will be awarded annually to an East Central Community College student. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

**To be eligible:**

1. **Enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College;**
2. **Reside in the 5-county district served by the college; and**
3. **Have earned a minimum 3.0 GPA.**

**SUE GUNTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** —This scholarship was established in memory of Sue Gunter, who passed away in August of 2005. Mrs. Jessie Whittle of Newton created this scholarship to honor the life and numerous accomplishments of her former classmate and friend.

Sue Gunter, a Leake County native and graduate of Walnut Grove High School, attended East Central Junior College from 1957 to 1958. In the July of 1958, she transferred to the Nashville Business College and played basketball earning All-American honors in 1960. She was also a member of the U.S. National team from 1960-1962. In 1962, she received her bachelor's and master's degree from the Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. Ms. Gunter also did post-graduate work at Texas Women's University.

She would go on to coach women's college basketball for 40 seasons – with 22 of those seasons at Louisiana State University. Her overall coaching record, 708-308, is ranked fourth in all-time wins in NCAA women's basketball, ranked third in games coached (1016), and sixth in 20-win seasons (22).

Among her numerous honors, Sue Gunter was inducted into the Women's basketball Hall of Fame in 2000, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2003, and the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in June of 2005. In September of 2005, she was also elected to the Naismith memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

**Candidates for the Sue Gunter Scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Be a resident of the college's five-county district;**
- 2. Enroll full-time at East Central his or her freshman year after high school graduation;**
- 3. Have maintained a "B" grade point average; and**
- 4. Demonstrate the necessity for financial assistance.**

This is a four semester scholarship. Recipients must maintain a "B" grade point average and must continue full-time study at East Central to continue to receive the scholarship. The amount of the scholarship award will be based on earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

**R. O. AND BERTHA HANNAH SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established in 1991 by the sons of R. O. and Bertha Hannah to honor their parents for the motivation, assistance, and encouragement they provided their children. Mr. and Mrs. Hannah encouraged their sons to acquire the education each would need to help assure a successful future. All four of the Hannah's sons attended East Central Junior College.

This scholarship will be awarded annually to an entering freshman from Scott County. Eligible recipients of this scholarship must have demonstrated potential for successful college study and must be able to demonstrate the need for financial assistance. The Vice President for Student Services working with the Scholarship Committee will select the recipients annually.

**Scholarship criteria:**

- 1. Be an entering freshman from Scott County;**
- 2. Demonstrate potential for successful college study; and**
- 3. Demonstrate the need for financial assistance.**

**PAM HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Pam Reeves Harris was an educator of 28 years in the Newton County School District. Her dedication and love for her students and co-workers was obvious to those that knew her best. As a native of Newton County, Pam was a devoted mother to her children at home as well; Kelli, Krissi, and Cole Harris. Pam was married to Chris Harris for 30 years before her untimely death with cancer in June of 2008.

Pam graduated from Decatur High School in 1975 and attended ECCC for one year. Pam and twin sister, Paula, transferred to Mississippi State University in 1976 where they received their degrees in Special Education in 1978.

Pam began her teaching career in 1978 at Hickory High School. During her teaching career, Pam served the majority of her time at Decatur High School as a Special Education Instructor. Pam's passion was to "help children achieve success and happiness in all that they attempted".

The Pam Harris Memorial Scholarship will be awarded by the immediate family of Pam Harris during the scholarship luncheon at East Central Community College each year.

The recipient of the Pam Harris Memorial Scholarship will be selected annually by the ECCC Scholarship Committee from applicants who have met the following scholarship criteria:

1. **Must be a graduate from Newton County High School;**
2. **Must be an education major attending ECCC;**
3. **Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA entering ECCC;**
4. **Must possess leadership qualities;**
5. **Must be a full time student at ECCC;**
6. **Must apply for the scholarship through scholarship process; and**
7. **Must have a financial need.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards. Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. There will be no refund to the student for money not used to fund his/her education at ECCC. In the event a scholarship is not awarded in any year, the interest that would have been used to fund the scholarship will be deposited in the scholarship endowment.

**DAN HARRISON RUSH HEALTH SYSTEMS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship fund was initiated and formally established in April 2010 by the Newton Community Health Foundation and Rush Health Systems.

This scholarship was established in honor and appreciation for Dan Harrison and his dedicated service to the delivery of quality healthcare. Mr. Harrison was a Scott County native. He served in a succession of positions over his 25 years with Rush Health Systems. His career in Healthcare ranged from staff RN to Executive Vice President of Rush Health Systems. Mr. Harrison was dedicated to his community through his involvement with the State Games of Mississippi where he served on the Board of Directors. He was a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and served as the Chairman of the Mississippi Hospital Association Board of Governors as well as a Board Member for six years. He served as a Board Member for the American Hospital Association. Mr. Harrison was committed to excellence in education and the development of Healthcare Leaders of tomorrow. He was married to Frankie Harrison; they have three sons, Daniel, Denver and Davis.

Mr. Harrison received an Associate Degree in Science from ECCC, an Associate Degree in Nursing from MCC, a Bachelor of Business Administration from University of Mississippi, and Masters of Business Administration from Mississippi College.

The specific terms and conditions of the scholarship are set forth as follows:

1. **The purpose of the Dan Harrison Rush Health Systems Endowment Scholarship Fund is to assist deserving young men and women who are pursuing a degree in healthcare at the college.**
2. **To reside in the five county service area of the college.**
3. **The personal assets of this endowment fund are invested and only the incomes from the principle asset are used to finance the scholarships. In the event there is not sufficient income to provide two \$500.00 scholarships annually the college is authorized to take needed monies from the principal assets to cover the scholarships until the assets are completed. Additional monies may be added to the Dan Harrison Rush Health Systems Endowment Scholarship Fund from time to time.**

Recipients are selected by the East Central Community College Scholarship Committee and ECCC will provide the names of the recipients to Rush each year for appropriate publicity. For more information, contact the Vice President for Students Services Office toll free at 1-877-GO2-ECCC (462-3222), ext 375.

**SYLVIA ANN GRAHAM HAYWOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Sylvia Ann Graham Haywood by her husband, William Thomas Haywood. Dr. Haywood served as Business Manager at EC and taught accounting from 1951-1958.

Sylvia was a member of the East Central Junior College Class of 1954. While at EC, she was an honor student who served as editor of the Wo-He-Lo annual, sang in the madrigals, and was elected May Queen.

Following her marriage, Sylvia attended and graduated from Sophie Newcomb College of Tulane University and received a Master of Education degree from Mercer University. She taught English and tutored French in both the public and private secondary schools in Macon, Georgia. In 1972 she graduated with honors from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law. She practiced law in Macon and taught law at Mercer. In 1984, Sylvia died of cancer at age 48.

The scholarship will be awarded annually, dependent upon availability of funding, to an incoming freshman student for the fall semester.

**To be eligible, a recipient must:**

1. **Enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation;**
2. **Have good academic standing;**
3. **Demonstrate financial need; and**
4. **Display leadership qualities and good citizenship.**

The recipient will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and who meet the criteria listed above.

**JEFFREY G. AND KATHY L. HITT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** — Established in the Fall of 2003 by Jeff and Kathy's family and in-laws, this scholarship honors their memory and Jeff's devotion to Christ, education and personal success. Kathy, Jeff's sister, was only an adolescent when she was called home to heaven. Jeff was a life-long resident of Union, MS where he graduated with honors from Union High School, East Central Community College, The University of Mississippi, and Mississippi State University. Jeff had served as associate minister of Union Church of Christ and was a cosponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at ECCC. Jeff began his career in education at Union High School, continued that with the Newton County School System and was working at ECCC as the Work-Based Learning Coordinator at the time of his death in August 2003 at age 31. Jeff was the treasurer of the ECCC Administration, Faculty and Staff Association, and a member of the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges. Jeff was an active member of the ECCC Alumni Association and the Newton County Ole Miss Alumni Association.

**Candidates for the Hitt Scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

1. **Plan to enroll full-time the semester after graduating from high school and be committed to earning an Associate Degree (and continuing to Bachelor's studies) or a Career-Technical Degree or Certificate from ECCC;**
2. **Reside in the five-county district and be a legal resident of the state of Mississippi;**
3. **Have a 3.0 GPA on all high school classes and maintain a 2.5 GPA on all ECCC classes to continue receiving the scholarship;**
4. **Have earned nine hours after the first semester of freshman year to continue receiving the scholarship the following semester and earn a cumulative 21 hours during the second semester to be eligible for two additional semesters;**
5. **ACT composite score of 18;**
6. **Be active in a church;**
7. **Be an active leader in school and/or civic organizations (or work experience);**
8. **Demonstrate need of financial assistance on a current student federal financial aid form; and**
9. **Provide letters of recommendation from his/her high school principal and pastor of his/her church.**

This scholarship may not duplicate other scholarships or financial assistance. That is, the total amount of scholarships and other financial aid may not exceed the total cost of attendance, as established by the financial aid office, by more than \$500.00 per semester, if so, this scholarship will be reduced to meet that amount and excess funds placed into the principal of the scholarship. If no applicant meets the full criteria and/or if an applicant selected has already met full tuition through other scholarships/awards, others may be selected.

The amount of the scholarship will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus and will be awarded for two semesters. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee. For more information, contact the Office of the Vice President of Student Services toll-free at 1-877-GO2-ECCC (462-3222), Ext. 375.

**ALBERT F. AND FANNIE M. HOLLINGSWORTH SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was endowed by Albert F. Hollingsworth and Fannie McDonald Hollingsworth to be awarded to two entering freshman for their fall semester at East Central Community College. The recipients will be chosen by the College Scholarship Committee on recommendations from Lake High School in Scott County.

Mr. Hollingsworth graduated from East Central in 1943. He served in the Navy and Marine Corps during World War II. Mr. Hollingsworth is also a graduate from the University of Southern Mississippi. After college, he was a mathematics teacher and served as principal at Lexie High School in Walthall County. Mr. Hollingsworth also served as principal of Lake High School before becoming Superintendent of Education for Scott County for 20 years (beginning in 1967). He has also served on the Board of Trustees at East Central Community College in excess of 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth's children, daughter Patricia Ann Lowe and husband Alan Lowe, were both teachers in the Jackson Schools, and son, T. Freeman Hollingsworth, and wife Sherri Carter are both teachers in the Rankin County Schools.

**Criteria for applicants for the Hollingsworth Scholarships are as follows:**

1. **Must be a graduate of Lake High School;**
2. **Must enroll at East Central Community College in an academic field;**
3. **First preference will be given to Mathematics Education majors;**
4. **Second preference will be given to Elementary or Secondary Education majors;**
5. **Must have the potential to be a successful teacher; and**
6. **Third preference will be given to professional majors.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based only on interest earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. In the event that no student matches the qualifications for this scholarship, the interest earned will be reinvested in the endowment corpus. For more information, contact the Vice President for Student Services, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. You may call toll-free: 1-877-GO2-ECCC (462-3222), ext. 375.

**HUDSPETH SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was endowed in the fall of 1998 with a substantial gift to the College from Henry Bane "Bubba" Hudspeth and his wife Faye McCully Hudspeth of Louisville. At the time of the gift, it was the largest individual donation ever made to the College.

Mr. Hudspeth, a successful businessman and Winston County native, graduated from East Central Junior College in 1959. The Hudspeths' son, Henry McCully "Cully" Hudspeth, graduated from the College in 1989. A lifelong supporter of the East Central and community colleges statewide, Bubba Hudspeth served on the College's Board of Trustees for 28 years, from 1968 to 1996. He was chairman of the board for almost 11 years, from July of 1983 to January of 1994. In 1996, he was appointed to a six-year term on the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. He was chosen to serve as Vice-Chairman of that Board in 1997.

The Hudspeths' established this scholarship with a gift of stock to the College. The amount of the annual award for this scholarship award shall be \$500 for the fall semester and \$500 for the spring semester.

Students from any public or private high school in Winston County are eligible to compete for a Hudspeth Scholarship. Also eligible are home-schooled students who meet the basic requirements.

**To be considered, each potential recipient must meet the following criteria:**

1. **Have a "C" or "C+" average in course work completed (2.0-2.5 on a 4.00 scale);**
2. **Have definable career goals and plans; and**
3. **Have a demonstrated need for financial assistance.**

**JOHNSON FAMILY ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP** – The Johnson Family Engineering Scholarship is given in memory of Lee E. Johnson and Lizzie Graham Johnson by their children, Joe Lee & Ollie J. Johnson, John & Elise Johnson Hollingsworth, Charlie R. Johnson, and Danny E. Johnson.

**Criteria for applicants for the Johnson Family Engineering Scholarship are as follows:**

1. **Be a resident of Newton County (Preference given to Newton County High School graduates);**
2. **Enroll as a full time freshman student at East Central Community College after high school graduation for the fall semester or may be given to a sophomore (Both shall meet the remaining criteria);**
3. **Have and maintain a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale; and**
4. **Major in Engineering at East Central with the intent to enroll in Civil Engineering at Mississippi State University upon graduation from East Central;**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus and will be awarded the fall and/or spring semesters of the recipient's freshman or sophomore year as earnings permit. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards.

In the event that no student matches the qualifications for this scholarship, the interest earned will be reinvested in the endowment corpus. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the East Central Community College Scholarship Committee.

**FRANCES AYCOCK JOHNSON AND JO ANN AYCOCK THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established in 2010 by Dr. Harold S. Aycock, Class of 1964, to honor the professional educator careers of his sisters, Frances Aycock Johnson and Jo Ann Aycock Thomas. Both are natives of North Jasper County, graduates of Hickory High School, and attended ECCC. After ECCC, Frances received the BS and MS degrees in Education from MSU. She taught at the elementary level in the Newton County School System for most of her 30-plus year career. Jo Ann, ECCC Class of 1958, received her BS in Elementary Education from USM and spent most of her 30-plus year career teaching at the elementary level in the New Albany, MS School System.

**Candidates for the scholarship award must meet the following criteria:**

1. **Be a resident of Jasper County, MS;**
2. **Be an enrolled full-time incoming freshman or a returning student who has attained sophomore standing;**
3. **Have a 3.0 grade point average; and**
4. **Have a demonstrated need for financial assistance.**

The scholarship will be awarded for two semesters. The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for the scholarship award. The ECCC Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipients.

**JAMES E. LAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in December of 2003 by Dr. Harold S. Aycock, Class of 64, in memory of Mr. James E. Land who was his high school vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Hickory, MS. Mr. Land, Class of 1938, was a professional educator for many years at Hickory and Union high schools retiring in 1983. He was also a generous and avid photographer dedicated to helping others capture the memories of their special occasions. He received a number of professional and community recognitions including the ECCC lifetime achievement award in 2000 for his many years of support and contributions to the college.

**Candidates for the Land Scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

1. **Be a graduate of a high school in Newton County;**
2. **Desire to pursue a degree in education; and**
3. **Enroll full-time as a freshman the semester after graduating from high school.**

This scholarship will be awarded for two semesters. The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards. The ECCC Scholarship Committee will select scholarship recipients. For more information, contact the Vice-President for Student Services Office toll-free at 1-877-GO2-ECCC (462-3222), ext. 375.

**LA-Z-BOY SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in 1995 by La-Z-Boy South located in Newton, Mississippi. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to qualified students who choose to enroll at East Central Community College. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a minimum of two (2) students. The recipients must be legal Mississippi residents who plan to enroll as full-time students on the Decatur Campus of East Central Community College. This scholarship will be awarded to in-district students with preference given to students who reside in Newton County. The students must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on all previous college credit course work or a “B” average on all previous high school course work. Students must have demonstrated a high level of participation in extracurricular activities and/or community involvement. To be eligible for the scholarship, the student’s parent or grandparent should be a current or past employee of La-Z-Boy South.

**Scholarship criteria:**

1. **Student must be a legal resident of Mississippi;**
2. **Must be a resident of five-county district with preference given to students who reside in Newton County;**
3. **Must have earned a “B” average on all previous high school course work or 3.0 on all previous college credit course work;**
4. **Enroll full-time at East Central Community College; and**
5. **Student’s parent or grandparent should be a current or past employee of La-Z-Boy South.**

**WILLIAM WADE LONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship endowment was established in June of 2006 in memory of William Wade Long by his parents, Gail and Dwight Long. Wade, a native of Neshoba County, attended Union High School and also attended Meridian Community College majoring in basic EMT courses while in high school. In 1994, Wade attended East Central Community College and also took courses at night from Shelton State in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to work on his intermediate EMT training. In 1996, he graduated from the paramedic school at Shelton State while also attending the University of Alabama.

Wade's untimely death occurred on December 8, 1996. He is survived by his parents; a brother, Russell Dwight Long; and a sister, Cynthia Gail Long Stevens.

**Candidates for the William Wade Long Memorial Scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Be a resident of Neshoba or Newton County;**
- 2. Be an incoming freshman;**
- 3. Have a 2.0 GPA or better on high school coursework; and**
- 4. Plan to major in a medical or health-related field.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus and will be awarded the fall and spring semesters of the recipient's freshman year. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the East Central Community College Scholarship Committee.

**THOMAS RUDOLPH MAYES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - Created in August of 1998, by his family and friends, this scholarship honors the memory of Mr. Rudolph Mays, East Central English instructor for 28 years. According to his daughter, Mrs. Jackie Mayes Etie, Class of '79, of Houston Texas, this scholarship "perpetuates the tenacious value of education and continuous learning exemplified by the life and contributions of this dedicated educator." Mr. Mayes graduated from East Central in 1952 with the distinction of having been elected to serve as the College's first student body president. Following completion of a master's degree in English from Mississippi State University, he began a career of teaching at East Central. During his tenure here he served as sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa, international honorary society for community college students, and sponsor of The Tom-Tom, the student newspaper. He retired in 1986. His first wife, Madaline Smith Mayes, who preceded him in death, served the College for 20 years as secretary to the registrar and later worked as a math teacher in the Newton County School System. Prior to his death, he was married for six years to Rosalyn Thompson Mayes of Decatur, an employee of the La-Z-Boy Corporation in Newton.

**To be eligible for the scholarship, potential recipients must:**

- 1. Have maintained a 3.0 grade point average in high school on the 4.0 scale;**
- 2. Submit a letter of recommendation from a high school or college faculty member who taught the Applicant; and**
- 3. Agree to take part in a recognition ceremony at which the scholarship award will be presented.**

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee.

**RUSSELL MCCANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Created in the spring of 2001 by family and friends, this annual \$500 scholarship honors the memory of Russell McCann, Class of '97. Russell lost his life in April, 2001, after an auto accident.

Russell, a 1995 graduate of Newton County Academy in Decatur, Mississippi, was co-captain of the football team. Honors received while at Newton County Academy include:

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| 1990-91 | Football Trophy (Best Defensive Player)                          |
|         | Basketball Trophy  |
| 1991-92 | Captain Crunch Award   |
| 1993-94 | All-Conference (Defensive Tackle, All Conference Defensive Team) |
| 1994-95 | School Paper Staff – Sports Reporter                             |
|         | American History Award   |
|         | Captain Award – Outstanding Leadership                           |
|         | Most Valuable Player - Defensive                                 |

While at East Central, Russell was an offensive guard for the '96 and '97 Warrior teams. The '96 team went 10-1, finished fifth in the nation, and won the Huddle House Golden Isles Bowl Game in Brunswick, Georgia, beating Middle Georgia College 7-6 on December 7, 1996. Russell was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> string offensive team for the Huddle House Golden Isles Bowl game



and received MACJC All-State Honorable Mention honors in football in 1997. East Central Head Football Coach Terry Underwood said, "Russell was a good player and a fine young man. We were very fortunate to have had him in our program."

East Central alumni Ricky and Teresa Williamson Shannon of Lena, Class of '82, are his parents who initiated the scholarship in his honor.

**Scholarship applicants must:**

- 1. Be a resident of the five county East Central district; and**
- 2. Have at least a "C" grade point average.**

Selection of the recipient is made by the College Scholarship Committee.

**DR. HOWARD CARLTON MCMILLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - Following his graduation from Louisville High School in 1948, Dr. McMillin attended East Central Junior College on a football scholarship. He graduated from East Central in 1950 and in 1952 received his undergraduate degree in Animal Science from Mississippi State University. After two years of active duty in the United States Army, he completed his education at the University of Houston earning his Doctor of Optometry degree in 1958.

Dr. McMillin returned to Mississippi in 1958, establishing his optometric practice in Carthage, where he enjoyed providing needed optometric services to residents of Central Mississippi until his retirement in 1995. He was unselfish with his time and talents in numerous civic and professional activities. He was a co-founder of Leake Academy, where he served 12 consecutive years on the Board of Directors. He also was co-founder of the Bank of Central Mississippi and the Leake County Little League Baseball Association. He served as president of the Lions Club and the Leake County Jaycees. His membership in the Leake County Chamber of Commerce spanned a period of 37 years. He maintained a seat on the Mississippi State University Agricultural Advisory Council.

His professional memberships were in the American, Mississippi, and Central Mississippi Optometric Associations. Additionally, he treasured his membership in the Carthage United Methodist Church and its Friendship Sunday School Class.

Dr. McMillin's unique gift for developing and maintaining friendships led to strong lifelong relationships with several of his high school and college football teammates. Though his football career was cut short by a devastating knee injury, his friends and teammates nominated him for induction into the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame. This honor, which he treasured, was conferred upon him in 2010.

An avid and accomplished hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman throughout his life, Dr. McMillin made dear friends throughout the country who shared his love of hunting, breeding Redbone coonhounds, and his second "profession" as a breeder of exotic Simmental cattle. Through these hobbies, he became a trustee of the American Redbone Coonhound Association and served as treasurer of the Mississippi Simmental Association.

Dr. McMillin, who passed away in August of 2012, was a loving, devoted, and supportive husband to his wife of fifty-five years, the former Shirley Van Hooser of Arcadia, Louisiana. He adored and guided his children, Lisa and David, his five grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

He was tremendously grateful for the opportunity to begin his college education at East Central as a result of receiving a football scholarship. He enjoyed visiting the campus often for football games, Homecoming activities, and Warrior Club meetings.

His family is pleased to endow the Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin Memorial Scholarship at East Central to assist in the education of any freshman or sophomore student who meets the following criteria:

- 1. Must be a resident of the five-county area served by East Central Community College;**
- 2. Must have financial need; and**
- 3. Must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.**

Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus for this scholarship fund shall be used for the scholarship award. No part of the endowment corpus shall be used for the scholarship award. Recipients are to be selected annually by the College Scholarship Committee from the students who apply for the scholarship.

**MISSISSIPPI AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURER'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established in 2007 and will be awarded annually, dependent upon availability of funding, to two students.

The scholarship award shall be limited to supporting the recipient's academic pursuit, including, but not limited to, tuition, course books, instructional materials, and on-campus housing.

**To be eligible, a recipient must, at a minimum be a student:**

1. **Entering their sophomore year (Note: may be a freshman if they are entering an approved one-year certificate program);**
2. **Enrolled in a MAMA approved automotive-related program (specifically Collision Repair, Welding, Precision Machines, Auto Mechanics, HVAC, Electronics, or Drafting);**
3. **Possessing the capacity to excel in his or her field, demonstrated through past academic and non-academic performance; and**
4. **Must have a 3.0 or higher GPA.**

Recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

**MISSISSIPPI LAND BANK ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship has been established to provide a \$500 scholarship at East Central Community Colleges for a student majoring in the areas of Agriculture, Forestry, Business or Business Administration. This scholarship will be funded annually, dependent upon the availability of funding.

**Scholarship recipients must meet the following criteria:**

1. **Be a student in good standing;**
2. **Be a full-time incoming freshman student enrolled in the area of Agriculture, Forestry, Business or Business Administration;**
3. **Have demonstrated academic achievement;**
4. **Be of good moral character and have demonstrated leadership ability;**
5. **Preference shall be given to students who are children of current stockholders of the Mississippi Land Bank; and**
6. **Recipients are required to be from one of the following thirty-two counties that the Mississippi Land Bank services;**

Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Bolivar, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Coahoma, DeSoto, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Webster, Winston or Yalobusha.

The scholarship will be awarded on a year-to-year basis. Students who are recipients one year are eligible for consideration in any other year; however, they must continue to comply with the selection criteria. Awards will not be given directly to the recipients; rather, the college shall credit the recipient's account.

The recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and who meet the criteria listed above.

**DR. VERNON CLYDE AND VASHTI MUSE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established through the East Central Community College Foundation by Dr. Vernon Clyde Muse in their honor.

Dr. Muse has devoted his life to education from his high school days at Sebastopol High School to East Central Junior College (A.A.), Delta State University (B.S. – science and health and physical education), and Mississippi State University (M.Ed.-science and school administration, and Ed.D.-school and educational psychology).

He began his career at Canton High School teaching science and coaching basketball, track, and football in Canton and Starkville. He then moved on to a position as a high school principal, and later he became an assistant superintendent of education for the Starkville Municipal Separate School District. He would then become superintendent of education for both the Meridian Municipal Separate School District and Hinds County Public Schools.

Dr. Muse has been president of the Hinds Community College District since 1978. He brought the College forward from an enrollment of 7,800 to over 16,000 students on six locations throughout the five county district which Hinds serves.

Vashti Muse was the beloved first lady of Hinds Community College, a renowned educator, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and the love of husband Clyde Muse's life. Mrs. Muse was born in Sebastopol on August 21, 1933. She died Friday, July 9, 2010.

Mrs. Muse devoted her entire life to education. After graduating from Leland High School, she attended Delta State University. It was at Delta State that she met and married Dr. Clyde Muse. After marriage and the birth of three children, she continued her education at Mississippi State University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Foreign Language. She continued to receive her Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Reading from Mississippi State University. She also earned a Developmental Education Specialist Certificate from Appalachian State University which she attended on a Kellogg Institute for Training and Certification of Developmental Educators Leaders' Scholarship.

She began her teaching career in the Starkville Municipal Separate School District. She also taught in Hinds County Schools and Lauderdale County Schools. In 1979, she moved to Raymond when her husband was named president of Hinds Community College. In 1980 she became a reading instructor at Hinds where she taught full-time until 2002. In 2002, she retired and continue to teach on a part-time basis.

Mrs. Muse received many honors and served in many professional organizations. She devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to the advancement of teaching of developmental education. In 2006, the Mississippi Association for Developmental Education named its most prestigious award in her honor and she was the first recipient of the Vashti U. Muse Outstanding Developmental Educator Award. She also received the Award for Outstanding Service from the National Association for Developmental Educator Award. She also received the Award for Outstanding Service from the National Association for Developmental Educators (NADE), was named the Mississippi Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and received the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Southern Regional Faculty Member Award and the William H. Meardy Faculty Member Award. She had several Legislative Commendations from both branches of the Mississippi Legislature. She was also honored by the Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma with its highest award, the 2006 Red Rose Award. She was published in the book, Inspiring Teaching: Carnegie Professors of the Year Speak.

Mrs. Muse received all the prestigious awards given by Hinds Community College including the 3E Award for Outstanding Service – Emphasis on Excellence and Enrichment, the Distinguished Academic Instructor Award, selected the honoree or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hi Stepper Alumni Chapter Gala, and had the Hinds Community College Yearbook dedicated to her and her husband. She was also named Professor Emeritus of Reading for Hinds Community College.

In April 2010, the Mississippi Legislature presented a joint resolution recognizing Mrs. Muse for her tremendous impact on education in the State of Mississippi.

Mrs. Muse's greatest service to the college and the community was her devotion to her students. For more than 50 years, Vashti Muse was the underdog's champion who made sure that at-risk students had an opportunity to succeed. Her passion for helping underprepared students began when teaching first grade students. That first experience of "teaching a child to love learning" fueled her lifelong commitment to developmental education.

While most educators prefer to work with the best and brightest, Mrs. Muse preferred to work with the educationally disadvantaged. Students in Mrs. Muse's reading classes were not prepared for college work and often were not prepared for life. She went beyond the everyday duties of a teacher and became personally involved with her students. She showed them that she cared not only about their success in the classroom, but also about their success in life.

**This scholarship will be awarded each year to a student who meets the following criteria:**

- 1. Must be a full-time East Central Community College student pursuing an Educational Degree program of study (academic or career/technical field) at any location of the East Central Community College District;**
- 2. Must maintain full-time status (enrolled in 15 or more hours per semester and successfully completing a minimum of 12 hours per semester);**
- 3. Have a 2.5 or better high school and/or East Central Community College grade point average; and**
- 4. Be free of any disciplinary problems.**

No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the East Central Community College Scholarship Committee. In the event no student matches the qualifications for this scholarship, the interest earned will be reinvested in the endowment corpus.

**BEN MYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS** - These scholarships were established in memory of Ben Myers, a 1997 graduate of East Central Community College. Ben's family and friends created these scholarships after he lost his life in an automobile accident in Winston County on July 9, 1998. While at East Central, Ben, an outstanding student-athlete, was chosen "Mr. East Central Community College." An accounting major from Philadelphia, he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international scholastic honor society for community and junior college students. He was also a member of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for students planning to pursue careers in business. He also served on the Presidents Council and in the Warrior Corps, an elite group of students who serve as ambassadors for the College. He was a Dean's List Scholar and a member of the College Golf Team at ECCC. After graduation from East Central, he attended the University of Mississippi where he was a senior, a Dean's List Scholar, and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as well as the Ambassadors, a volunteer student recruiting group. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Parks and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Myers, all of Philadelphia. He was a 1995 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, where he served as president of the student body and was voted "Most Outstanding Senior."

**Candidates for the Myers scholarships must meet the following criteria:**

1. **Be a high school graduate from either Neshoba Central High School, Philadelphia High School, or Choctaw Central High School;**
2. **Have a high school grade point average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale; and**
3. **Enroll full-time at East Central.**

The annual selection of the two Myers scholarship recipients will be made by the College Scholarship Committee.

**NEWTON ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP** – This annual scholarship was established in November of 2003. The Newton Rotary Club Scholarship will be awarded the fall semester of the recipient's freshman year and will provide two students, one male and one female, a \$500 scholarship to attend East Central Community College.

**To qualify, potential recipients must:**

1. **Be a graduate of a High School located in Newton County;**
2. **Enroll as a fulltime student at East Central the fall semester following high school graduation;**
3. **Have a high school grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale;**
4. **Demonstrate leadership qualities by serving in a leadership role as a member of a student organization or organizations such as intramural sports, or an athletic team but not on an athletic scholarship;**
5. **Leadership qualities will exemplify the Rotary four-way test of the things they think, say or do. (Is it the truth? Is it Fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?);**
6. **Complete a scholarship application form; and**
7. **Submit three written letters of recommendation from High School Principal or Superintendent, at least one teacher and a prominent citizen of the community stating he or she meets the Rotary Four-Way Test.**

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee. For more information, contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Services toll-free at 1-877-GO2-ECCC (462-3222), Ext. 375.

**DR. BEVERLY (HENRY) OLIPHANT-MARTIN AND JOHN E. MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP** – Dr. Beverly (Henry) Oliphant-Martin and her husband, John Martin, established this scholarship in November of 2012 because “we were both scholarship recipients and both owe our success to the scholarships we received. We wish to make scholarships available to deserving students in gratitude for those we received as students.”

Beverly Henry, a Leake County native, graduated from ECCC in 1958 and knows that without helping hands, a college degree would have been impossible given the abject poverty of her family. After earning her Bachelors of Science degree at Mississippi State and Masters of Science degree at the University of Florida via a federal academic grant, she went on to graduate summa cum laude with a medical (MD) degree from George Washington University Medical School in Washington, DC. Her medical doctorate was also on full scholarship. Dr. Oliphant-Martin and Mr. Martin have helped several scholarship funds at ECCC reach their endowment goal, including that of the Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959 Scholarship. She and her husband have also contributed generously to the Faculty Excellence Fund which was renamed in their honor in 2010.

Mr. Martin, a native of Aroostook County, Maine, received his Bachelors of Arts in physics, with high distinction, from the University of Maine in 1962, and he also knows that this could not have happened without the availability of scholarships. He pursued graduate studies with assistantships at Stevens Institute of Technology and the University of Maryland followed by a career in space communications systems engineering.

First preference for this scholarship will be given to candidates who are relatives of the couple; however, all candidates must meet the following scholarship criteria:

1. **Must have a high school diploma or a GED;**
2. **Be in the top 20% of their high school class or qualify for the Workforce Education Programs;**
3. **Maintain a “B” average at ECCC;**
4. **Enroll in an academic or workforce education program of study; and**
5. **Enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based on earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

**POLK AND JENNIE PACE SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was endowed in March of 1997 by Mr. Pace’s widow, Scott County native Mrs. Jennie Thrash Pace of Newton, Mississippi; her children, Mrs. Reba DeBari of Pensacola, Florida, and Dr. Harrell S. Pace of Biloxi, Mississippi; her grandchildren, Mrs. Donnie White of Clifton, Virginia, Mrs. Guy Garner of Lenoir, North Carolina, Mr. Stephen Pace of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Mr. Michael Pace of Starkville, Mississippi, Mr. David DeBari of Luling, Louisiana, and Mr. Kenneth DeBari of Pensacola, Florida; and other family members and friends. This scholarship honors the memory of the late Mr. Lawrence Polk Pace, originally from Conehatta, Mississippi, who passed away January 23, 1997, at age 86. Mr. Pace, a businessman, was a strong believer in the value of education. He attended East Central Junior College in 1929. Both his children and his daughter-in-law, the former Miss Grace Holman of Newton, all graduated from East Central. The Pace’s son, Dr. Harrell Pace, MD, was named to the first East Central Hall of Fame in 1956. Their daughter, Mrs. Reba DeBari, a realtor, sang in the Orange Bowl with the East Central Choir in 1957, and performed nationally as a member of the Choral Society of Pensacola, performing in Carnegie Hall in 1990 and in 1997, and throughout the country.

**Each scholarship candidate must:**

1. **Be a resident of either Scott County or Newton County, Mississippi;**
2. **Have a “B” or better average his/her senior year in high school;**
3. **Plan to major in science, math, or music. (If no applicant plans a major in these fields, others will be considered.); and**
4. **Plan to attend East Central Community College in Decatur as a full-time student during the fall semester following his/her senior year in high school.**

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and meet the criteria listed above.

**CHARLES P. PHILLIPS AND BONNIE SAXON PHILLIPS SCHOLARSHIP** - Endowed in 2005, this scholarship was funded by Charles P. Phillips, class of 1938, and his wife, Bonnie Saxon Phillips. A native of Edinburg, Mr. Phillips graduated from Edinburg High School. After East Central, he graduated from Mississippi State College. He taught school a few years before serving in the European theater in WWII. After his military duty, he was employed at the Farmers Home Administration until retirement. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and a Shriner. Mrs. Phillips, the former Bonnie Saxon, was born in Houlika, MS and moved to Neshoba County in early childhood. She graduated from Philadelphia High School and later was employed as a buyer for Stubbs Department Store and then as an office employee of Coca Cola Bottling Company in Philadelphia. She was a member and officer of the Philadelphia Business and Professional Women’s Club.

**Criteria for this scholarship includes:**

1. **Must plan to enroll at East Central as a full-time student;**
2. **Must have maintained at least a “B” average in high school; and**
3. **Demonstrate need (to be determined by the College Scholarship Committee)**

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee, and the scholarship will be awarded during the first semester of the freshman year. The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards.

**SHIRLEY RENAUD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Established early in 2000, this endowed scholarship honors the memory of Shirley Sanders Renaud, Class of 1963, an outstanding student, athlete, and educator. Mrs. Renaud, a Greenwood native who lived in Carthage for most of her life, died at age 56 in November of 1999 after a long bout with cancer.

Mrs. Renaud was a graduate of Carthage High School where she was a star basketball player from 1957 to 1961. During her senior year, she averaged 35 points per game and once scored 53 points in two quarters and three minutes of a game. Her high school uniform number, 33, was retired when she graduated. Her high school coach said she was one of the most outstanding players he had ever seen.

At East Central, Shirley played intramural basketball. She also achieved membership in Phi Theta Kappa, the international academic honor society for community college students. After graduating from East Central, Mrs. Renaud graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with honors. She was a teacher in both public and private schools before ending her career as a librarian with the Leake County Schools. Mrs. Renaud was the wife of Joe Renaud who at the time of her death was serving as personal development specialist in East Central's Workforce Development Center.

Both of the Renaud children graduated from East Central. Their daughter, Tara Lynn, graduated in 1997. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was an Academic All-American on the College's tennis team. Their son, Joseph "Joff" Renaud, III, was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the tennis team when he graduated in 1993. Both children went on to graduate from the University of Southern Mississippi with honors. Mrs. Renaud's mother, the former Evelyn Adams, was a member of East Central's class of 1933. Her two brothers, Wilbur Eugene Sanders and Billy Joe Sanders, both of Jackson, also attended East Central.

Students selected for this scholarship must have excelled academically.

**Scholarship criteria include the following:**

- 1. Have a minimum overall gpa of 3.5 (B+) on a 4.0 scale; and**
- 2. Be a resident of the College's five-county district.**

The amount of the annual scholarship will depend on earnings from the endowment. No part of the endowment corpus may be used for scholarship awards. Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee. For more information, contact the Vice President for Student Services, East Central Community College, Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327-0129. Call toll free 1-877-GO2-ECCC (462-3222), Ext. 375.

**HERMAN AND MOSOURA RIGBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in 1993 by Dr. M.G. Rigby who attended East Central Junior College in 1965 and 1966. Dr. Rigby came to East Central as an out-of-state student to major in education. He went on to complete his BA degree at the University of Southern Mississippi, and his MA and Ed.D. Degrees at the University of Mississippi. His parents were of great inspiration to him as he pursued his educational goals. It was in the memory of Dr. Rigby's parents that this scholarship was established. This two semester scholarship will be awarded annually to an out-of-state entering freshman who demonstrates both the need for financial assistance and an aptitude for success as a student. The annual recipient of this scholarship will be selected by the Scholarship Committee from the pool of qualified applicants.

**RUTH ROUND VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in February of 2010 by Newton Community Healthcare, Inc. to honor Ruth Round of Newton. Mrs. Round served as president of the Pink Ladies Auxiliary at the hospital in Newton for 22 years and contributed over 40,000 volunteer hours of service. She also volunteered her services with the Town and Country Garden Club, Friends of the Depot, Newton County Homemakers Council, Newton County Advisory Council, Liberty Community Club, and the Newton Chamber of Commerce. She was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by the Mississippi Hospital Association and Woman of the Year by the Newton Chamber of Commerce.

**Scholarship candidates applying for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Be enrolled in a healthcare program;**
- 2. Have a history of volunteer service in Newton County;**
- 3. Be a resident of Newton County; and**
- 4. Be enrolled at East Central Community College as a freshman or sophomore student.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based only on interest earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. In the event that no student matches the qualifications for this scholarship, the interest earned will be reinvested in the endowment corpus. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

**SAM RUSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - Created in the summer of 2000, this scholarship is funded by the Philadelphia Sertoma Club as part of their emphasis on education. The club sponsors the annual Heart O'Dixie Triathlon as a

fund raiser to help with various civic projects including Christmas gifts for families, support of parks and public health, and patient scholarships for treatment of speech/hearing problems.

**Criteria include the following:**

1. **Be a resident of Neshoba County;**
2. **Enroll as a full-time student the fall after they graduate from high school;**
3. **Be a graduate of a public school in Neshoba County; and**
4. **Have at least a 2.5 (C+) average on a 4.0 scale.**

The scholarship recipient will be awarded annually by the College Scholarship Committee to two incoming freshman. Each recipient will receive a total of \$500, \$250 for each of two semesters for their first two semesters of college. For more information, contact the Vice President for Student Services, ECCC, Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

**WILLIS E. BLUM AND FRANCES GAINES BLUM SLAGLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was endowed by a 1940 East Central alumna, Frances Gaines Blum Slagle, at the time of her death. The purpose of this scholarship is to award scholarships to deserving students who are economically in need of funds for educational expenses and who would not otherwise be able to attend college.

A Minter City, Mississippi native, Mrs. Slagle attended Decatur High School and continued her education at then East Central Junior College, where she was a member of the “Warriorette” basketball team. Mrs. Slagle also attended Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur.

She received a degree in travel administration from Columbia University in Columbia, Missouri and owned and operated Carlson Travel Agency in Sebring, Florida. She enjoyed traveling and lived in various places around the world, including Germany, Jamaica, Japan, and Panama.

Mrs. Slagle was preceded in death by her first husband, Lt. Col. Willis Eugene Bill Blum, and her second husband, Capt. Lovell E. Woody Slagle. Both men are buried at Arlington National Cemetery in recognition of their outstanding military service. Mrs. Slagle was recognized as a “Gold Star” wife and was instrumental in obtaining retirement benefits for wives of servicemen killed in action. Mrs. Slagle died at age 94 on May 11, 2012, in Evans, Georgia. She too was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Criteria for the scholarship are as follows:**

1. **Be a graduate of a high school in the five-county service district of East Central Community College;**
2. **Be enrolled as a full-time student; and**
3. **Have a demonstrated need for financial assistance.**

Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus for this scholarship fund shall be used for the scholarship awards. No part of the endowment corpus shall be used for the scholarship award. Recipients are to be selected annually by the College Scholarship Committee from the students who apply for the scholarship.

The scholarship award will be used for tuition, books, and/or room and board while at East Central.

**DR. OMAR SIMMONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established to recognize Dr. Omar Simmons for his more than 35 years of medical practice to the Newton community. Dr. Simmons began his medical practice in family medicine and general surgery in Newton in 1931. He also served as the Newton Hospital administrator from 1940 to 1967. In 1969, Dr. Simmons was named Doctor of the Year by the Mississippi State Medical Association and presented the Robbins Award for his contributions to community service. He served as president of the Mississippi State Medical Association, president of the Mississippi Hospital Association, president of the East Mississippi Medical Society, director of the Mississippi Division of the American Cancer Society, and board member of the Commission on Hospital Care. He once served as president of the Newton Chamber of Commerce and was an elder, Sunday School superintendent, and Clerk of Sessions in the Presbyterian Church. Upon his retirement in 1967, he was honored by the City of Newton by the observance of Dr. Simmons Day. Dr. Omar Simmons was born in Louin in 1897. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi and earned his medical degree at the University of Tennessee. He was married to Ruth Toole Simmons. Dr. Simmons died in 1986 at 89 years of age.

**Scholarship candidates applying for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

1. **Be a resident of Newton County;**
2. **Be a pre-med major;**
3. **Have a ACT composite score of 25; and**

**4. Be enrolled at East Central Community College as a freshman or sophomore student.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based only on interest earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. In the event that no student matches the qualifications for this scholarship, the interest earned will be reinvested in the endowment corpus. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee

**SQUARE COUNTY AUCTIONS SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in 2014 by Joe Andy Helton, owner of Square County Auctions. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a freshman student. The recipient will receive \$250 for the fall semester.

**To be eligible for the scholarship the student must:**

- 1. Be a graduate of Leake Central High School; and**
- 2. Enroll at East Central Community College full time in the fall following high school graduation.**

The recipient will be selected annually by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

**JAY B. AND FRANCES HARRIS SMITH SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship endowment was established in December of 2002 in memory of Mr. Jay B. Smith and in honor of Mrs. Frances Harris Smith.

**Candidates for the Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith Scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Be an entering freshman;**
- 2. Have at least a “C” or 2.0 grade point average;**
- 3. Reside in one of East Central’s five supporting counties;**
- 4. Be a high school graduate or hold the GED certificate; and**
- 5. Agree to enroll as a full-time student at East Central’s Decatur campus.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus and will be awarded for the two semesters of the recipient’s freshman year. No part of the endowment corpus may be used for scholarship awards. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee. For more information, contact the Vice President for Student Services Office toll-free at 1-877-GO2-ECCC (462-3222), ext. 375.

**WILLIS W. (BUBBA) SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was started in 2008 in memory of Willis W. (Bubba) Smith, a graduate of Decatur High School, East Central Community College, and The University of Southern Mississippi.

Bubba Smith was an outstanding student, a friend to all, and a fun loving person. He was a student leader, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and was an Army helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War. He was killed in combat on April 19, 1968.

**Criteria for applicants of the Smith Scholarship are as follows:**

- 1. Must be a resident of the United States;**
- 2. Must be at least a B average student;**
- 3. Plan to enroll full time at East Central as a freshman the fall semester after graduating from a high school in Newton County;**
- 4. Plan to major in Education and become a teacher;**
- 5. Demonstrate leadership abilities; and**
- 6. Be free of any disciplinary problems.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards. The recipient of the scholarship will be selected annually by the College Scholarship Committee.

**JACOB STOVALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in loving memory of Jacob Stovall, a fun-loving sophomore at Philadelphia High School. Jacob’s parents, Toni and Don Stovall, created this scholarship after Jacob lost his battle with cancer (Neuroblastoma) on February 28, 2009. Jacob loved sports, his wonderful nurses during his illness, and mathematics. His favorite sports were football, basketball, and golf.

**Funding from the scholarship may be used for the following:**

- 1. A scholarship for a business major; or**



2. A scholarship for a nursing major.

**Candidates must meet the following criteria:**

1. Be a graduate of Philadelphia High School;
2. Must have at least a 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale;
3. Enrolled as a traditional or non-traditional full time student; and
4. Demonstrate need (to be determined by the college scholarship committee).

The annual selection of the scholarship will be made by the college scholarship committee. The scholarship shall be equal to \$500, \$250 per semester for the first two semesters of college.

**WALLACE STRICKLAND RUSH HEALTH SYSTEMS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship fund was initiated and formally established in 2010 by the Newton Community Health Foundation and Rush Health Systems.

This scholarship was established in honor and recognition of Wallace Strickland, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rush Health Systems. He has been with Rush since 1970 and has served in positions of Coordinator of Special Projects, Data Processing Manager, Assistant Administrator, Administrator and Vice President of Operations/Rush Health Systems, Inc. and Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer of both Rush Foundation Hospital and Rush Health Systems. In 1997, he was appointed as the Assistant Secretary for the Board of Trustees of Rush Health Systems, and in 1999 he assumed his current duties as President of Rush Health Systems, Inc. and subsidiaries. Mr. Strickland continues to expand Rush Health Systems and influence healthcare across our great state with dedication and visionary leadership. A strong commitment to education is a major component of his vision and the development of strong leaders insures continued success. Mr. Strickland received an Associate of Arts degree from East Central Junior College, a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State University, attended Meridian Community College, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Alabama. He has served as Past President of Medical Group Management Association of Mississippi.

Mr. Strickland currently serves in numerous capacities providing leadership in the economic development of the region. He has served as past Chairman of the East Mississippi Business Development Corporation. He was instrumental in helping start State Games of Mississippi, and continues to support the Board of Directors. Mr. Strickland is married to Judy Strickland and they have two children, Julie 27, and Jason 21.

The specific terms and conditions of the scholarship are set forth as follows:

1. The purpose of the Wallace Strickland Rush Health Systems Endowment Scholarship Fund is to assist deserving young men and women who are pursuing a degree in healthcare at the college.
2. To reside in the five county service area of the college.
3. The personal assets of this endowment fund are invested, and only the incomes from the principle asset are used to finance the scholarships. In the event there is not sufficient income to provide two \$500.00 scholarships annually the college is authorized to take needed monies from the principal assets to cover the scholarships until the assets are completed. Additional monies may be added to the Wallace Strickland Rush Health Systems Endowment Scholarship Fund from time to time.

Recipients are selected by the East Central Community College Scholarship Committee and ECCC will provide the names of the recipients to Rush each year for appropriate publicity. For more information, contact the Vice President for Students Services Office toll free at 1-877-GO2-ECCC (462-3222), ext 375

**CHARLES AND JUDY DOWDLE THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established in 1997 by the Thomas family. Mr. Thomas, class of '64, is a Philadelphia native living in Louisville, and Mrs. Thomas is a Leake County native originally from Carthage. This scholarship endowment, one of the largest at the College, was created with a donation of 430 shares of stock to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc.

**To be eligible, a recipient must:**

1. Have been a resident of Neshoba County for three years or more and a graduate of Philadelphia High School;
2. Have a strong desire to obtain a college education;
3. Enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester after high school graduation (deferment for military service will be recognized);
4. Have a high school grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and
5. Be willing to participate in an awards ceremony and be a part of publicity involving the scholarship award.

Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus for this scholarship fund shall be used for this scholarship award. No part of the endowment corpus shall be used for the scholarship awards.

The recipient shall be selected by the College Scholarship Committee. The scholarship awards will be provided the fall and spring semesters of the recipient's freshman year at East Central Community College.

**ALBERT P. AND BLANCHE W. THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was endowed in 2014 by their four daughters, Rosalyn T. Mayes, Christine T. Riley, Ellen T. Johnson and Janice T. Tingle.

Albert was a lifelong resident of Decatur. He was valedictorian of his Decatur Agriculture High School graduating class and valedictorian of his East Central Junior College graduating class.

He married Blanche Williams of Meridian in 1938. They resided at the family farm home with his widowed mother and his three younger sisters, who were later also graduate of ECJC.

They had four daughters who also attended or graduated from ECJC and their spouses also attended or were graduates of ECJC. Most of their eleven grandchildren attended ECCC.

Albert and Blanche believed in helping others and practiced their belief in the community in any way they could through their business and church. Albert's family was charter members of Decatur (United) Methodist Church and Blanche joined with him. They served in different capacities in their church all their life.

This scholarship is in their memory to honor them and fulfill the vision they had in helping others, especially in education. They were firm believers that a good education was vital for a young person to be able to obtain good employment in his/her chosen field.

Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus for this scholarship fund shall be used for the scholarship awards.

A recipient will be selected annually by the East Central Community College Scholarship Committee from the pool of applicants. The first award will be made in the fall of 2015 if sufficient funds are available. First priority will be given to a lineal descendent of the extended Thompson family.

**To be eligible, potential recipients must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Must be a full-time ECCC student starting his/her freshman year after graduation from high school with a 2.5 GPA or GED equivalent from the five county area served by ECCC;**
- 2. Be able to present definable career goals, plans and aspirations;**
- 3. Be willing to participate in an award ceremony and agreeable to publicity regarding the scholarship; and**
- 4. Not involved in any activity which would bring discredit to ECCC.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based only on the interest earnings from the endowment corpus. In the event a scholarship is not awarded in any year, the interest that would have been used to fund the scholarship will be deposited into the scholarship endowment.

**KINOTH AND ELLA MAE THORNTON AND EMERSON ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIP** - The Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric Company Scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Thornton and Emerson Electric Company in 1991 as a tribute to the College for its many positive contributions to the Thorntons' lives. The contributions by the Thorntons and Emerson Electric Company totaled \$10,000.00 which was used to establish the endowment for the scholarship. Interest and dividends and, if required, the sale of shares of stock from the investment will be used to fund scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to be awarded to cover four semesters of study. Thus, scholarship awards will be made on alternate years unless the full amount of an awarded scholarship is not utilized. The investment endowment shall never fall below \$10,000.

**To be eligible for this scholarship, the recipients must:**

- 1. Reside in one of the five counties served by East Central Community College. Preference shall be given to applicants from Newton and Neshoba Counties.**
- 2. Have family contributions on financial aid needs analysis forms that are from fifty (50) percent to one hundred (100) percent of the students' financial aid budgets.**
- 3. Have the demonstrated ability to profit from higher education by having achieved acceptable grades in high school and by having participated in community projects or work experience.**
- 4. Have high moral and ethical values.**

**5. Project the reasonable probability that they would not attend college if they did not receive assistance from this scholarship fund.**

If on any year no one applies who substantially meets all of the above qualifications, no award will be made and the fund will accumulate. The Vice President for Student Services of the College shall be responsible for notifying qualified high school students as to the availability of this scholarship. The College's Scholarship Committee shall screen all applications and make the final selections.

**DUSTAN TODD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – With loving memory of Dustan Eugene Todd, this scholarship was established in 2006 by his parents, David and Ann Todd, and his brother, Travis Todd. Dustan was a 2002 graduate of Newton County High School. While attending high school Dustan received several awards consisting of Honor Roll, United States Achievement Academy, National Beta Club, National Future Farmers of America Organization & Scholarship, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Mu Alpha Theta along with an ACT Scholarship. Dustan was a 2004 graduate of East Central Community College in the Drafting and Design Technology program. While attending East Central he also received honors including being a member of Phi Theta Kappa the International Honor Society for Two Year Colleges and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Dustan was tragically killed in an automobile-motorcycle accident on April 28, 2004. He loved life to the fullest and loved being with his family and friends. He was an avid golfer, fisherman, hunter, and loved anything that pertained to outdoors. His plans were to have a job doing what he had found to be his true desire which was drafting and surveying. Dustan had accepted a job and was ready to graduate and continue his life fulfilling his dreams. His family wishes for Dustan's memory to live on at East Central Community College in an endowed scholarship to help deserving students succeed with their goals and dreams and to remember Dustan had a part in helping them with their life's goals and accomplishments.

**To be eligible, scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Be a graduate of Newton County High School;**
- 2. Enroll as a full-time freshman student at East Central Community College after high school graduation for the fall semester;**
- 3. Major in Drafting and Design Technology;**
- 4. Demonstrate a financial need;**
- 5. Have a "B+" or above GPA while attending high school; and**
- 6. Maintain a "B+" or above GPA while in this field of study their freshman year at East Central Community College.**

The scholarship will be awarded annually at Awards Day of Newton County High School. The award will be for the fall and spring semesters of the recipient's freshman year at East Central.

Earnings from the endowment corpus will be used to fund the scholarship in perpetuity. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship awards. Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee. In the event no qualified recipients apply for the scholarship, no award will be given.

**DONALD GRAY TRIPLETT SCHOLARSHIP** – The Donald Gray Triplett Scholarship was established in 2016 by Mr. Triplett a 1955 graduate of East Central Community College.

Mr. Triplett, a native of Forest, Mississippi, is the first male to be diagnosed with autism in the United States. After completing his studies at East Central, Mr. Triplett received a bachelor's degree in French from Millsaps College. He returned to his hometown and worked at the bank of Forest. Mr. Triplett is an avid golfer and has traveled abroad extensively.

**This two semester scholarship will be awarded each year to a freshman student who meets the following criteria:**

- 1. Be enrolled as a full-time student at ECCC as a freshman in the year after graduating high school;**
- 2. Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA or equivalent in high school upon entering freshman year at ECCC;**
- 3. Be a resident of the five-county district served by the college.**

The East Central Community College Scholarship Committee will screen and select recipients from student who apply and meet the criteria listed above. The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards. There will be no refund to the student for money not used to fund his/her education at ECCC. In the event a scholarship is not awarded in any year, the interest that would have been used to fund the scholarship will be deposited in the scholarship endowment.

**U. S. ELECTRICAL MOTORS SCHOLARSHIP** – The U. S. Electrical Motors Scholarship is intended to help defray the cost of college expenses at East Central Community College. Awards will be made to outstanding children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of active or retired U. S. Electrical Motors’ employees.

All children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of all active or retired USEM-Philadelphia, Mississippi employees are eligible to participate in this scholarship plan, provided they are in good standing in their senior year of high school.

After applications have been submitted to USEM-Philadelphia management, a three-person selection committee appointed by the Plant Manager will make a selection based upon the following criteria:

<b><u>Selection Committee Criteria:</u></b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>SAT, ACT, etc. scores</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Curriculum, grades, class rank</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Community and extra-curricular activities</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Employment/earned expenses</b>	<b><u>25</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

A maximum of one student annually will be selected under this plan and will be eligible for awards of \$500 annually in each of their two years of study at ECCC. Each eligible student must submit his or her USEM Scholarship by January 1 for their senior year of high school. The scholarship will provide a payment toward ECCC expenses of one-half the annual scholarship amount (\$250.00) at registration in each of four semesters provided performance has been satisfactory (2.00 or better GPA) during the previous semester.

The USEM Scholarship will be terminated if funds contributed for this specific purpose are exhausted.

**JAMES M. VANCE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established in the summer of 2005 by Margaret Vance Scardaci (Class of 1947) in honor of her brother, James Mac Vance. This scholarship is to be awarded annually to an incoming freshman at East Central Community College. Mr. Vance graduated from East Central in 1957. After EC, he attended and graduated from Mississippi State University in 1959. In the fall of 1959, Mr. Vance took a teaching position at Waynesboro and taught there until May of 1962. While at Waynesboro he began his coaching career and coached junior high and high school football and basketball. In the fall of 1962, he moved to Meridian and coached at Northwest Junior High School for three years before being appointed Assistant Superintendent for the Meridian Public School System and held this position until his retirement in 1995. After retiring, he served on the Meridian Public School Board for five and one-half years. While on the Board he served as President and Vice President. He officiated for the Junior College Football Association for 32 years and for high school football games for 42 years before retiring. He taught the rules of the game to football and basketball officials and coaches. James Vance was a faithful financial supporter of the College and has served as the Alumni Association president. He also served as an out-of-district representative on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Criteria for applicants for the James M. Vance Scholarship are as follows:**

- 1. Must be an incoming freshman;**
- 2. Must enroll at East Central Community College with an Education;**
- 3. Major (first preference will be given to mathematics education majors);**
- 4. Must have the potential to be a successful teacher;**
- 5. Must show need for financial assistance; and**
- 6. Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based only on interest earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. In the event that no student matches the qualifications for this scholarship, the interest earned will be reinvested in the endowment corpus. For more information, contact the Vice President for Student Services, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. You may call toll-free: 1-877-GO2-ECCC (462-3222), ext. 375.

**OVID S. AND CAROL F. VICKERS SCHOLARSHIP** - Established in the fall of 1999 by former students and friends of the Vickers, this scholarship honors this couple’s lifetime of devotion to East Central. Ovid Vickers, an Eastman, Georgia, native, served the College as a humanities instructor and in various other capacities from 1955 to 1995. Throughout his 40-year teaching career and in retirement he maintained a keen interest in the lives of East Central students, faculty, and staff. Held in high regard by his former students, he is considered a favorite by many. Evidence of the esteem in which he is held is the 1995 naming of the College’s Fine Arts Center in his honor. Recognized statewide and nationally during his career, he served two terms as president of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English and helped form the Mississippi Folklore

Society. In 1990, he was named College English Teacher of the Year by the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English. He earned the BA, MA, and EdS degrees from George Peabody College in Nashville.

Carol Farish Vickers, Class of 1958, is a graduate of Noxapater High School. She was initially employed by the College in 1961 as secretary to the president and served in that position until 1968. From 1968 until 1983, Mrs. Vickers taught English at Decatur High School. In 1983, she was again employed by the College, this time as an instructor of English and reading. She retired from full-time teaching at East Central in 1992 and subsequently served in various part-time positions at the College. In 1997, she was chosen as East Central's "Alumna of the Year." Mrs. Vickers earned her BS and MS degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi.

**To be considered for the Vickers Scholarship, potential recipients must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Be a high school graduate or hold a General Education Diploma (GED);**
- 2. Have at least a cumulative "C" (2.0) high school grade point average;**
- 3. Reside in one of East Central's five supporting counties; and**
- 4. Plan to major in English, English education, literature, speech, art or in theater.**

Earnings from the endowment corpus will be used to fund the scholarship in perpetuity. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for scholarship awards. Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee.

**ARNO AND RUTH CARR VINCENT SCHOLARSHIP** - Established in the fall of 1999, this scholarship recognizes a lifetime of service to the College by a couple who capped their careers here by serving as president and first lady of East Central from 1953 to 1962. Decades later, the Vincent's, both alumni, were still active in the life of the College, attending Homecoming and other events faithfully.

Walter Arno Vincent, Class of 1937 and a Navy combat veteran of World War II, served the College in various capacities from 1947 to 1962. He was assistant football coach, men's basketball coach, math teacher, registrar, and Dean of Students before becoming president. Former students and athletes have praised his teaching and coaching abilities, stating that he had a profoundly positive influence on their lives. During his East Central career, he rose rapidly to the position of president after working at the College for only six years. At the time he was the youngest person and first alumnus ever appointed president. He earned a bachelor's degree from Mississippi Southern, now the University of Southern Mississippi, and a master's degree in math from the University of Mississippi. The Lauderdale County native was selected to Athletic Halls of Fame at both East Central and Southern. He played football and basketball at both colleges, although he had never seen a football game before he went to college. He was named "Alumnus of the Year" at East Central in 1973 and was selected for inclusion in the Alumni Hall of Fame at Southern as well. In 1999, the East Central Board of Trustees named the College's administration building in his honor. The building, completed in 1959 while Mr. Vincent was president was first utilized as the College's library.

Ruth Carr Vincent of Winston County was "one of the most liked people in the East Central family," according to an alumnus. An outstanding student in the Class of 1937, she served as president of the College's Baptist Student Union and was involved in a number of campus organizations. In reflecting on her East Central days, she was grateful that she "never had to come in after class to pass Mr. Leon Eubanks' English class," as many of her classmates did. After graduating from East Central, she taught elementary school in Newton, Neshoba, and Winston counties while going to Southern each summer to earn a bachelor's degree. She married Arno Vincent in June of 1941. The Vincent's had two daughters, Mrs. Glenn Daphne Lancaster of Meridian and Mrs. Pamela Fowlkes of Monroe, Louisiana.

**Scholarship candidates must:**

- 1. Have at least a "C" or 2.0 grade point average on all previous course work completed;**
- 2. Be high school graduates or hold the GED certificate; and**
- 3. Agree to enroll as full-time students at East Central's Decatur campus.**

The amount of the scholarship award to be given for the first semester of the freshman year will be based on the earnings from the endowment corpus. Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from applicants who meet the criteria listed above.

**LAVERN AND ELIZABETH VOWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - Initially established in 1993 to honor Mr. Lavern Vowell, the title and description for this scholarship were revised by David and E. L. Vowell to honor the memory of both Mr. Vowell and Mrs. Vowell after her death in 2000. This annual scholarship is available to assist a worthy student at East Central Community College.

The scholarship, which will be awarded each year to an entering freshman, will cover the cost of tuition for two semesters – dependent upon availability of funding.

Each recipient of this scholarship must be a major in some field of business administration. Each recipient must have a demonstrated need for financial assistance and must have a demonstrated potential for academic success. Preference will be given to applicants for the scholarship who are or have been employed by Triple V, Inc. and live in a county where a Triple V, Inc. store is located.

Applications for this scholarship will be received by the Vice President for Student Services at the College. The College Scholarship Committee will be responsible for the final selection of each year's recipient.

**Scholarship criteria:**

- 1. Must be an entering freshman;**
- 2. Student must major in some field of business administration;**
- 3. Must have demonstrated need for financial assistance;**
- 4. Have demonstrated potential for academic success; and**
- 5. Preference will be given to applicants who are or have been employed by Triple V, Inc. and live in a county where a Triple V, Inc. is located.**

**CAPTAIN CHARLES E. WARD USN/RET MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship endowment was initiated in February of 2003 in memory of Captain Charles E. Ward by his wife, Mrs. Gail M. Ward, and their three sons, Roger, Mike, and David Ward.

Captain Ward was originally from Louisville, Mississippi, in Winston County (where his mother, Mrs. Hilda Parker Ward, ECJC Class of 1932 resides). He came to East Central on an academic/athletic scholarship. While at East Central he played football and baseball. He was also president of the Student Body Association and voted sophomore class favorite. Captain Ward graduated from ECJC in 1957 and went on the graduate from Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana, earning a BS in mathematics.

After college, Captain Ward played professional baseball with the North Louisiana Rookie League. In 1959, Captain Ward entered the Navy and earned his Navy "Wings of Gold" in 1961. He served over 30 years in the Navy and earned several awards including three Legions of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, and three Navy Commendation Medals. Captain Ward furthered his education by earning a Masters Degree in Computer Systems Management in 1972 from the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California. He retired from active duty in 1990.

After retiring from the Navy, Captain Ward served as an Adjunct Professor at Pensacola Junior College teaching college algebra. From 1991 to 1999, he worked for Raytheon Aerospace serving as Site Manager for Aircraft Maintenance Operations on the Navy's Primary Trainer aircraft at Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Florida. In his free time, he was a member of several organizations. "Charlie" was an avid golfer. He was a very active charter member of the Emerald Coast Senior Amateur Scratch Series, achieving two "Holes-In-One" in tournament play. He was also a member and active player at his residence home course, Stonebrook Golf Club, Pace, Florida.

In 1999, Captain Ward was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame, and in 2000 he was inducted into the Louisiana College Sports Hall of Fame.

On December 27, 2002, Captain Ward died of cancer at the age of 65. His family established this scholarship in his memory because he deeply appreciated the opportunity to attend EC and participate in athletics. Education was very important to "Charlie." He served on many committees in his local community including the pre-school board of his local church. He enjoyed mentoring in reading to first grade students, on a weekly basis at Bagdad Elementary School, Milton, Florida. This scholarship endowment will continue his desire to assist a young person with furthering his or her education.

**Candidates for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Be an entering freshman, enrolling as a full-time student;**
- 2. Have at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale; and**
- 3. Reside in Winston County.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus and will be awarded the fall semester of the recipient's freshman year. No part of the endowment corpus may be used for scholarship awards. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee. For more information, contact the Vice President for Student Services Office toll-free at 1-877-GO2-ECCC (462-3222), Ext. 375.

**WARRIOR GOLF CLASSIC SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in 2002 by the East Central Community College Alumni Association Board of Directors. Proceeds for the annual Warrior Golf Classic Golf Tournament are used to fund the scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded annually, dependent upon availability of funding, for two incoming freshman students. Recipients of this scholarship will be awarded full tuition for the fall semester and full tuition for the spring semester of each recipient's freshman year.

**To be eligible, a recipient must:**

1. **Enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation;**
2. **Reside in Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, or Winston county;**
3. **Have good academic standing; and**
4. **Display leadership qualities and good citizenship.**

Recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

**WEEMS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP** – The Weems Family Scholarship Fund was established to commemorate the historical roles of the Weems Family of Scott County as members of the faculty, Board of Trustees, and student body of East Central Community College. Laura Zelle Weems taught English from 1931 until 1944. She was a teacher in Mississippi public education for 40 years. Robert Samuel Weems was County Superintendent of Education in Scott County and one of the original Scott County members of the East Central Board of Trustees. While Superintendent of Scott County, he was instrumental in Scott County becoming one of the counties in the College's current five-county district. Mack Dawson Weems was County Superintendent of Education in Scott County for 16 years and served on the Board of Trustees of East Central Community College for 41 years. Many descendants of their parents, William Lafayette and Molly Thompson Weems, have attended ECCC; one being Dr. William Lamar Weems, who was Valedictorian of East Central Class of 1951, Editor of the Tom-Tom, and East Central Alumnus of the Year in 1972. Many other Weems Family descendants have gone on to achieve distinguished careers, boosted in no small measure by the quality and affordability of the educational experience provided by East Central.

The scholarship award shall be equal to full tuition. One scholarship will be awarded annually to an incoming freshman. The scholarship award shall be automatically renewed until graduation provided the recipient maintains a minimum of 2.5 grade point average and an academic load that would permit graduation in four semesters.

Funding for the scholarship will come from the earnings of the fund, which will be invested in conservative equities mutual funds. The principal may be used when earnings do not cover the amount of the scholarship. Excess earnings from the fund's investment will be reinvested to the fund.

**The recipients of the scholarship will be selected by the members of the East Central Community College Scholarship Committee or its future counterpart according to the following criteria, each of which will be given equal weight:**

1. **High school grade point average;**
2. **College aptitude test;**
3. **Financial need;**
4. **Participation in extra curricular activities; and**
5. **Good moral character**

**J C WHITE SCHOLARSHIP** - Endowed in the summer of 2000 with gifts from family and friends, this scholarship honors the memory of Kemper County native J. C. White, Class of 1937, of Birmingham. White passed away April 21, 2000, at age 84. J. C. had a lifelong devotion the East Central, and he and his wife, Jean, also of Kemper County, were leaders in organizing reunions of his class and in attending homecoming activities in Decatur. They were also generous contributors to campus activities including the building of the archway at the College's main entrance and the fitness trail on the north end of the campus. They also belonged to the Loyalty Club, one of the East Central Foundation's five-year gift clubs. After East Central, J. C. majored in math at Mississippi State. He worked for the Social Security Administration and retired from that agency in 1980. The Whites had two children, Rebecca White Tidd and John, both of Birmingham. On his last visit to the campus, at Homecoming on October 16, 1999, J C gave a pine seedling to the College, asking that it be planted on campus in honor of then president, Dr. Eddie M. Smith.

**Criteria for the White Scholarship are as follows:**

1. **Plan to major in either math or science;**
2. **Have a high school grade point average of at least "B" (3.0 on 4.0 scale); and**
3. **Enroll as a full-time student at East Central.**

The amount of the scholarship will be based on earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for the scholarship awards. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee. All qualified applicants will be considered and, in accord with the family's wishes, preference will be given to any applicants from J.C. and Jean's home county, Kemper.

**JACK WHITE AND MARY JO WHITE SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – Endowed in the will of the late Mary Jo White of Union, this annual scholarship, established in the spring of 2001, is named for Mrs. White and her late husband. Jack White was an auto mechanics instructor at the College. The Whites had no children, but they had a real interest in East Central and wanted to help students get a college education.

**Criteria for the White Scholarship are as follows:**

- 1. Be a resident of Newton or Neshoba Counties; and**
- 2. Be a needy and/or worthy student.**

Earnings from the endowment corpus will be used to fund the scholarship in perpetuity. No part of the endowment corpus will be used for scholarship awards. The scholarship will be awarded annually by the College Scholarship Committee to an incoming freshman.

**BOB WILKERSON MEMORIAL VO-TECH SCHOLARSHIP** – This endowed scholarship was established in December 2003 by Robert G. and Patsy J. Wilkerson in memory of their son, Bob Wilkerson. Bob and his wife Dannette G. Burkes had one daughter, Kimberly.

Bob was a country boy who loved being with family, neighbors, and friends. He graduated from Forest High School in 1980 where he was a good student and participated in several activities including weight-lifting and football. However, his favorite interest in high school was attending classes at the Vo-Tech Center where he received the agriculture award his senior year. After graduation, Bob was asked to serve on the Advisory Board of the Scott County Vo-Tech Center. Later he was employed at Puckett Machinery for 17 years until his untimely death. On Sunday, December 22, 2002, Bob died from injuries suffered in an ATV accident. He has been described by his mother as a son who loved everything about his life and was the least materialistic person she had ever known.

**Candidates for the Wilkerson Scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

- 1. Have a C or C+ average on all high school classes;**
- 2. Reside in Scott county (preference will be given to students who graduate from Lake High School);**
- 3. Enroll full-time as a freshman the semester after graduating from high school; and**
- 4. Demonstrate financial need.**

This scholarship will be awarded for four semesters. If the current recipient is enrolled for only one year, a new recipient will be selected the following year. The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee. For more information, contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Services toll-free at 1-877-GO2-ECCC (462-3222), Ext. 375.

**WILKS-PALMER SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP** - Elgie Wilks Chatham, a Winston County native, endowed this scholarship in the spring of 1998 for students from Winston County.

Mrs. Chatham established the scholarship in honor of her parents, Mr. J. Earl Wilks and Mrs. Willie (Palmer) Wilks, who attended church and were active in the Liberty Community in Winston County for some 25 years. Mr. Wilks was in the grocery business in Meridian. Early in their marriage, Mrs. Wilks was a pioneer teacher in one-room, one-teacher schools in grades 1-8 in Winston County. The Wilks raised six children, three of whom graduated from East Central, and all of whom graduated from senior colleges and universities. Three of the children graduated during the depths of the Great Depression.

Mrs. Chatham was a 1934 graduate of Noxapater High School and a 1936 graduate of East Central. She then earned a B.S. degree in English from Mississippi State College for Women, her M.S. in counseling from the University of Southern Mississippi, and her Ed.S. in counseling from Mississippi State University. Two of Mrs. Chatham's sisters also graduated from EC. Mrs. Melba Wilks Chesney of Meridian, class of '41, also graduated from USM, and Mrs. Doris Wilks Tissue, '39, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, finished at the "W." Another sister, Mrs. Janice Silvey Townshend of Dunedin, Florida, graduated from Blue Mountain College. The five sisters' only brother, Dr. T. Pamer Wilks of Madison, Mississippi, graduated from MC and the University Of Tennessee School Of Dentistry.



Mrs. Chatham and her husband, Henry Elbert Chatham, who was in the finance business in Meridian, gave the inherent love and respect for quality education to their own children. They had two sons, both graduates of Millsaps. One, Henry, Jr. of Jackson, also graduated from Harvard Law School. The other, Franklin Earl, a cardiologist in Baltimore, graduated from John Hopkins University. He married another M.D., Dr. Marie (Dickson) Chatham, originally from Canton, Mississippi.

**Requirements for the Wilks-Palmer Scholarship recipients include the following:**

1. **Have evidence of a "burning desire" to go the college;**
2. **Be a high school graduate from a school in Winston County; and**
3. **Have a minimum 2.5, or C+, high school grade point average.**

Other things being equal, scholarship preference will be given to a resident of the Liberty Community in Winston County. The amount of the scholarship awarded the first semester of the freshman year will depend upon the earnings from the endowment. Selection of recipients will be made by the College Scholarship Committee.

**JONES AND CARRIE WILLIAMSON AND BASCOM AND HATTIE CHISOLM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- Endowed in August of 2000, this scholarship honors the parents of Dolphus, Class of '52 and Sybil Williamson of Laurel. Neshoba County natives, their parents sent four children to the College. In addition, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and other relatives have attended in subsequent years.

Dolphus Williamson, a poultry science major here and at Mississippi State, had a long and successful career in the poultry industry and as a Methodist minister. He and Mrs. Williamson raised five children, four of whom attended junior college.

**Their scholarship will be awarded annually to an entering freshman who meets the following qualifications:**

1. **Plan to enroll full time at the College during the fall semester after they graduate from high school;**
2. **Must plan to major in agriculture (preference is given to agriculture majors, but other candidates may be considered;**
3. **Must have earned average grades in high school;**
4. **Must demonstrate a serious desire to better himself/herself educationally; and**
5. **Must have a demonstrated need for financial assistance.**

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and meet the criteria listed above. The scholarship award will be available for the fall and spring semesters of each recipient's freshman year.

**YOUNGBLOOD FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship is given in memory of Enoch Lloyd Youngblood, Sr. and Maggie (Eichelberger) Youngblood, Daniel Youngblood, Crawford Youngblood, and Stanley Youngblood and Helen (Daniel) Youngblood. All were residents of the Forest area and had children or relatives that attended ECCC. They were very appreciative of the high level of education provided by ECCC. The scholarship was established by Lloyd Youngblood and Margaret (Youngblood) Aldridge.

Enoch Youngblood supervised the construction of the Forest United Methodist Church, contracted and constructed the Forest Baptist Church and the building for the first chicken processing plant in Forest (The Cudahy Packing Company).

Daniel Youngblood and Crawford Youngblood were cattle farmers. Daniel served in the army in Italy during World War II and was awarded the Army Combat Infantry Badge and a Bronze Star.

Stanley Youngblood was an outstanding basketball player and was a high school coach and teacher.

The recipient of the scholarship will be selected by the East Central Community College Scholarship Committee. The student must meet the requirements established by the committee.

It is desired that **preference be given to students from Forest or the surrounding area** and that the **student be enrolled in engineering or science studies.**

The amount of the scholarship award will be based on the earning from the endowment.

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