

**Ruth Bennett Memorial Scholarship** – The scholarship was established in 2015 to pay tribute to the memory of Ruth Bennett. Mrs. Bennett operated a childcare facility in Louisville, Mississippi, when an EF4 tornado hit the facility on April 28, 2014. She gave her life that day protecting the last child remaining at her childcare center.

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

- Preference is given to students residing in Winston County, although students from the entire five-county district may be considered;
- Be enrolled as a full-time student, in good standing, as a freshman;
- Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA upon entering ECCC; and
- Be enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Technology program.

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. 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.