

George L. Mason Endowed Scholarship – This scholarship was established in 2021 by former students and friends in honor of George Leon Mason. Mr. Mason was born in Newton County and graduated from Newton High School. He joined the United States Navy after high school and served two years. At the end of his enlistment, he enrolled at Mississippi College and earned a BA degree. Mr. Mason also earned a master's degree in Biology at Mississippi State University. After teaching at various schools, he joined the faculty at East Central in 1960 as a biology instructor. He taught at East Central until 1991 when he retired. Mr. Mason was known as a professional person who attempted to get the maximum effort from his students.

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

- Enroll full-time in a science field with preference given to biology, agriculture, or forestry;
- Be of sophomore status in good standing; and
- Have maintained a minimum 3.5 GPA on credits earned at East Central.

The East Central Community College Scholarship Committee will screen and select recipients from qualified applicants. The amount awarded will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. To maintain the fund ad infinitum, no amount of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards. Should no qualified recipient be awarded in any given year, the interest accrued will be deposited into the endowment corpus.