

Southwest Georgia Technical College, Foundation Inc.

Scholarship Policies and Procedures

**LaFreda Murphy Citizenship
Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship**

BACKGROUND

The SWGTC 2004 Associate Degree Nursing Class established the LaFreda Murphy Citizenship Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship in honor of classmate LaFreda Murphy.

In December 2004, the first ADN class requested that a \$500 scholarship be established and awarded annually. The first scholarship will be awarded Fall of 2005. The continuation of this scholarship will come from annual contributions earmarked by graduates of the founding class as well as subsequent classes. The amount of the award each year is dependent on the amount collected during the previous year. All contributions collected above the annual \$500 scholarship award will be earmarked and held in the SWGTC Foundation account. When a sufficient balance is accumulated to support the scholarship through interest earning, the scholarship will be awarded at the \$500 level regardless of previous year contributions.

PURPOSE

To assist students enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing Program with education related expenses.

PRE-REQUISITES

Applicants must be a *second* quarter student currently enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Southwest Georgia Technical College. A minimum of 12 credit hours must be completed and earned at SWGTC.

Applicants must complete a SWGTC Scholarship Application form (Attachment A).

Applicants must provide documentation of GANS (Georgia Association of Nursing Students) Membership.

Applicants must compose an essay titled, *"Civic Involvement and Its Value To Our Community."* (Maximum 250 words)

Applicants must obtain a letter of recommendation from a fulltime member of the SWGTC's Associate Degree Nursing Faculty. The letter should communicate the faculty member's observations of the student's participation in GANS and commitment to community. Letters of recommendation must be on letterhead with a current date and an original signature.

Applicants must submit a copy of their current transcript.

REVIEW PROCESS

The Executive Director of the Southwest Georgia Technical College Foundation has established a committee to review the LaFreda Murphy Citizenship scholarship applications. Members of the committee include the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean for Academic Affairs, and Program Director for the Associate Degree Nursing program.

The Committee will select the LaFreda Murphy scholarship recipient utilizing the attached evaluation document.

Committee members will independently score each application submitted. The applicant receiving the highest average score will be awarded the scholarship.

In the event of a tie, applicants will be requested to prepare and deliver a two-minute impromptu speech on a current trend in leadership. The committee members will independently score each applicant. The applicant receiving the highest average score will be awarded the scholarship.

The primary intent of the scholarship program of the SWGTC Foundation is to assist students with tuition, fees, and book expenses through need-based and merit-based scholarships. For this reason, all scholarship applicants are required to apply for financial aid. Financial aid awards will be considered in the scholarship awards process.

Southwest Georgia Technical College Foundation funded scholarships are to be used at Southwest Georgia Technical College only (Thomas County, Grady County, Mitchell County, and the Valdosta Technical College A.D.N. program) and are not transferrable to other institutions.

Southwest Georgia Technical College Foundation scholarships are intended for approved educational related expenses only, as set forth in the scholarship policies. Any fraudulent use of scholarship funds or misrepresentation of expense to gain reimbursement will result in termination of scholarship funding and ineligibility to apply for future Southwest Georgia Technical College Foundation scholarship funding opportunity.

Scholarship accounts that remain inactive for one year will be adjusted and unused funds will be transferred back to the SWGTC Foundation. Exceptions to this policy will be in cases where the length of time the scholarship can remain in the student's account before usage are outlined in the individual scholarship policy (such as the High School Scholarship and other recruitment-based scholarships).

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LaFreda Murphy Scholarship Evaluation

1. Academic Achievement

Grade Point Average

(90-100)	4.0	= 5 pts.
(85-89)	3.5-3.99	= 4 pts.
(80-84)	3.0-3.49	= 3 pts.
(74-79)	2.5-2.99	= 2 pts.
(70-73)	2.0-2.49	= 1 pts.

2. Essay

Followed criteria	= 1 - 5 pts.
Grammatically correct	= 1 - 5 pts.
Defined characteristics	= 1 - 5 pts.
Illustrated personal commitment	= 1 - 5 pts.
Compelling case	= 1 - 5 pts.

3. Faculty Evaluation

Supports student as recipient	= 1 - 5 pts.
Specific observations	= 1 - 5 pts.
Commonalities with essay	= 1 - 5 pts.

Tie Breaker – Impromptu Speech

Followed criteria	= 20 pts.
Addressed topic	= 20 pts.
Organized points	= 20 pts.

Essay: “Civic Involvement and Its Value To Our Community”.