

DR. SHELBY B. SANDERS FIRST GENERATION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

ABOUT DR. SHELBY BRYANT SANDERS

Dr. Shelby Bryant Sanders was an educator at the secondary and post-secondary levels. Raised from meager beginnings, Dr. Sanders excelled in school and, with the support of scholarships, was the first in her immediate family to achieve an advanced degree. She was an avid supporter of equality and dedicated her career leveling the playing field of opportunities for low-income individuals through access to higher education.

DESCRIPTION

The Dr. Shelby B. Sanders First Generation Undergraduate Endowment is made possible with a generous gift in the amount of \$30,000 by her son Dr. Sanders Dr. Rodney A. Ellis. This gift is matched with an additional donation of \$30,000 from the federal Title III Fund for endowment support, and a \$40,000 public grant to fully endow the fund at \$100,000.

The Louisiana Board of Regents established the First-Generation Undergraduate Scholarship match program for the purpose of increasing college access and success for low-income and first-generation students. The objectives of this fund are:

- To provide scholarships that will increase the access of first-generation students with unmet financial need to higher education opportunities in Louisiana
- To provide eligible students with structured support through active and engaged advising; and
- To provide eligible students with meaningful employment during their education

Type: Endowed Benefactor: Dr. Shelby B. Sanders

Department: Education, SUSLA first time freshmen.

Due Date: March 1

Average Award: This award will be available in 2021 – 2022

Summary of Criteria: Student recipients must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a Louisiana resident;
- Must qualify as first-generation college students (i.e., neither custodial parent(s) nor legal guardian(s) have earned a college degree) with remaining financial need after deducting Estimated Family

Contribution (EFC) and all federal/state/institutional grant or scholarship aid (“gift aid”) from student’s Cost of Attendance (COA) and/or students, whether first-generation or not, awarded federal Pell grant;

- Must have been accepted and enrolled in SUSLA as a full-time student at the undergraduate level;
- Must declare a major in education, teaching or related field; complete and submit an application to the SUSLA Office of Financial Aide by March 1;
- Must have earned a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale on high school or minimum 2.5 on college transcript;

Additional Requirements:

- In addition to scholarship aid and to help students be successful in navigating the college experience, recipients must agree to accept structured support through active and engaged advising.
- Students must be willing to accept employment (campus or off-campus) for at least 10 hours per week. (Off-campus employment must be directly or indirectly relevant to and supportive of the student’s post-degree career plans and/or field of study.);
- Must meet other requirements consistent with the SUSLA Scholarship guidelines and SU System policies.

How to Apply:

1. Download the Dr. Shelby B. Sanders First Generation Application for Education Majors at: www.susla.edu/page/scholarships
2. Submit completed applications and uploaded documents online by clicking the “submit” button by the deadline date (March 1). Review application carefully before submitting. All submissions final.
3. The Scholarship Review Committee will make all recommendations regarding awards and the student will be notified via email listed on the application

You may also mail applications to:

SUSLA Office of Institutional Advancement
Scholarships Coordinator
3050 MLK Dr.
Shreveport, LA 71107