

Undergraduate Scholarships

Rose Eugene Atchison Endowed Scholarships in Forestry

Sue Pearson has invested in the future of forestry in Alabama by establishing an endowed scholarship in the School of Forestry in honor of her father, Rose Eugene Atchison. Atchison was born in 1886, the oldest of eight children. He worked for Paul Mercer Barnett's Lumber Company before establishing his own lumber company. He was a successful businessman, and by the time of his death in 1974, he had acquired a large holding of real estate and land. Pearson said that her father always wished that he could have attended Auburn. Rose Atchison may not have been able to attend Auburn, but now because of his hard work and his daughter's generosity, someone else can.

Elizabeth Powers and John Coleman Banks Endowed Scholarships in Forestry

In 1998, "Bibbie" Banks of Eutaw, Ala., created the Banks scholarship in both her and her late husband's names. John Coleman Banks graduated from the College of Agriculture at API in 1922 before a forestry program was offered. Bibbie commented that if her husband loved her half as much as he loved Auburn, they would do just fine.

Norman Buce Bearden Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Wildlife

This memorial scholarship was established in 1990 by the family of Norman Buce Bearden. Bearden, a 1988 wildlife graduate, was born in 1960 in Mobile, Ala. He was an active member of the Alabama Wildlife Federation and the Baldwin County Wildlife Federation. Bearden also was an avid outdoorsman and had a deep interest in preserving wildlife resources for the enjoyment of all.

Frank W. Boykin/Tensaw Land and Timber Endowed Scholarship in Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

The Boykin/Tensaw Scholarship was created in 1985 by Tensaw Land and Timber Company to honor the late Frank W. Boykin, a native of Washington County, Ala., who owned timberland. A United States Congressman, Boykin served in the U. S. House of Representatives for nearly three decades and facilitated many positive improvements for Mobile and rural southwest Alabama.

Lynn Dent Boykin Youth Wildlife Endowment for Scholarships

The Boykin Scholarship, funded through the Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Foundation, was established in honor of Lynn Dent Boykin in 2002. Boykin served as the first female to be elected as President of the National Wild Turkey Federation. "Lynn dedicated her life to promoting conservation and providing people everywhere with a better understanding of God's gifts of nature," Gov. Don Siegelman said at the conclusion of the first Governor's One Shot Turkey Hunt in 2002.

Burgin Companies' Endowed Scholarship in Forestry

The Burgin Companies' Scholarship in Forestry was established in 1996 by the company's president, Robert Burgin III. Forestry has been the backbone of the Burgin family for over 100 years, and he feels that supporting the education of today's students ensures the quality and capability of tomorrow's forestry professionals.

Christen, DeBrunner, Posey, Raper Endowed Scholarships in Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

This scholarship was endowed by forestry alumni and friends in memory of four esteemed former faculty: Professor Harold Christen, Dr. Earl DeBrunner, Dr. Henry Posey and Professor Charles Raper.

Charles and Thelma Chapman Dixon Annual Scholarships in Forestry

The Charles and Thelma Dixon Forestry Scholarships were created in 1980 by Thelma Chapman Dixon, the widow of Charles Dixon. “Charlie” Dixon was the founder of Dixon Lumber Company, Inc. in Andalusia, Ala., where he served as chairman of the board, and Thelma managed the office. The Dixons were leaders in the Southern plywood and lumber industries. With the Dixon name virtually synonymous with Auburn’s School of Forestry, the Dixon family ties to our School continue to run deep. Shortly before the death of Charles Dixon, he was named Alabama Forest Conservationist of the Year.

Garden Club of Alabama Forestry Conservation Annual Scholarship

Endowed by the Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., this scholarship began in 1962 with an annual award named for Adele Attaway of Montgomery. In 1978, the Garden Club of Alabama, Inc. made the scholarship permanent by creating an endowment. The club boasts more than 200 chapters in the state. Apart from the scholarship, the Garden Club has left another mark at Auburn, the Garden of Memory. The garden is located across from the President’s Home on campus and is maintained by the club to honor all who have served in the armed forces.

Steve Jackson Memorial Annual Scholarships in Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

The Jackson scholarships were created in 1979 by Coy Jackson, father of the late Steve Jackson. Jackson resided in Andalusia, Ala. The scope of the scholarship was broadened in 2002 allowing wildlife students to also be eligible for this award.

Edward A. Hauss Endowed Scholarships in Forestry

Edward A. Hauss of Brewton, Ala., created an endowment prior to his death in 1955 to assist forestry students. The late Susan Phillips, great-granddaughter of Hauss said, “He was a true Southern gentleman who grew up in the lumber business and liked to go turkey hunting and fishing.” Due to the generosity of Edward A. Hauss in 1955, the endowment has now grown to more than \$1 million.

Hugh Kaul Annual Scholarships in Forestry

Hugh Kaul’s family history has long been associated with forestry and the lumber industry beginning with the establishment of the Sample Lumber Company in the 1800s, which later became known as the Kaul Lumber Company. Kaul’s leadership in the Alabama Forestry Association, the Forest Farmer’s Association, and the School of Forestry Advisory Council attest to his interest in the forest industry. Today, the Kaul family holdings of timberland in Alabama continue to benefit from the industry expertise generated by the School of Forestry.

W. Earl Hughes Annual Memorial Scholarship in Forestry

This scholarship was created by Jeff Bentley, a 1984 graduate of our program, in honor of his late uncle, W. Earl Hughes. Bentley feels greatly indebted to his uncle for his contributions to pay Bentley’s college expenses. He wishes to repay this kindness by assisting other worthy students in a similar way.

Melba R. Littrell Memorial Annual Forestry Scholarship

This scholarship was created by a bequest of Melba R. Littrell in 2000. The Littrell family continues to own a sawmill in Decatur, Ala. Mrs. Littrell was an integral component of Littrell Lumber.

Lowery Pulpwood, Inc./James R. Lowery Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Forestry

James Lowery moved his family to rural Alabama in the 1960s. With no prior experience, he began a small pulpwood operation with one used short wood truck and one chain saw. With much perseverance and determination, he was able to gradually enlarge his business finding it necessary to incorporate in 1984. Although he became a successful businessman, he was a low-key individual devoted to his family and referred to by his peers as hard working, honest and a “salt of the earth” type person. For these reasons, Lowery’s widow, Frances Lowery, chose to honor her husband’s memory by creating this scholarship.

Dwain G. Luce Family Endowed Scholarship in Forestry

This scholarship was endowed by the Dwain G. Luce family of Mobile, Ala., in 1996. Mr. Luce, a 1938 API chemical engineering graduate, worked in his chosen field until WWII began. After serving his country in the Army, Luce, a Normandy Veteran, began work with a bank as a loan officer specializing in timberland purchases. Luce, a private landowner, decided to purchase and manage timberland as an investment upon retirement. His granddaughter, Sarah Luce Watkins, graduated with a Master of Forestry degree from our School in 1999 and helps manage the family land.

Nichols Family Endowed Scholarship in Forestry

To honor his passion for forestry and to give back to his alma mater, Ken Nichols established a scholarship for forestry students in 1997. After gaining experience at forest products corporations such as Buckeye and MacMillan Bloedel in the United States and Canada, Nichols joined Champion International in 1972 where he rose to Vice Chairman and Executive Officer during his 28-year tenure. Ken and his wife, Joanna, retired back to his homeplace near Selma in 2001.

Henry and Elizabeth Posey Endowed Scholarship in Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

Dr. Posey was a well-respected faculty member who served as a professor of forestry from 1950-1978. He is remembered mostly for his work with students. In addition to being the academic advisor and personal confidante to most of the students who graduated in forestry during his tenure, Professor Posey also served as faculty advisor to the local chapter of Xi Sigma Pi, the National Forestry Honorary. Professor Posey served as National Forester (President) of Xi Sigma Pi from 1964-1966. Professor Posey and his wife, Elizabeth, remembered the students in their estate plans by endowing this scholarship.

James W. Richardson Endowed Scholarship in Forestry

Jim Richardson was born in Banks, Ala. on Aug. 9, 1919. He was called into active service in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Upon discharge from the Navy, Jim enrolled in the new forestry school at Auburn University and graduated in 1949. He was a rare individual who took pride in his job, his family and his community. To honor this individual, the wood dealers created this scholarship to acknowledge their trust and friendship with Richardson .

Russell Lands Annual Scholarships in Forestry

Russell Lands of Alexander City created an annual award for forestry students in 1983. Because Russell Lands believes in giving back to the community, the company has provided scholarship funds for the School’s forestry students. Russell Lands owns more than 44,000 acres near Lake Martin.

William F. Sahlie Endowed Memorial Scholarship in Forestry

The Sahlie children established this scholarship in memory of their dad, William Finley Sahlie. Although Sahlie graduated from the University of Florida, he became involved with Auburn's School of Forestry after his career led him to settle in Wetumpka, Ala. It was there that he began Bama Wood in 1963. Sahlie also started Saco Wood and Southern Trucking Company, both based in Prattville, Ala. He sold all three businesses in the early 1990s. Sahlie had high expectations for the School and was instrumental in seeing that the program received designation as a "school" in 1984. His involvement led to his appointment as Chairman of the School's Advisory Council.

Summer Practicum Stipend Endowed Scholarship in Forestry

The Summer Practicum Stipend was created in 1996 by a former student of the forestry program. This individual is interested in ensuring that tomorrow's promising forestry professionals have the opportunity to pursue their dreams by completing their forestry degree.

James R. Taylor Endowed Scholarship in Forestry

This award was established by Richard and Millicent Tough to honor James R. Taylor. Taylor, a 1963 forestry graduate, retired in 2000 from the Georgia-Pacific Corporation as the Vice President of the Chemical Division. He lives in Alpharetta, Ga. with his wife, Ruth.

Emmett F. Thompson Endowed Scholarship in Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

The Thompson Scholarship was created by an anonymous donor to honor Emmett F. Thompson, the first dean of our School, for his years of dedicated service to Auburn University and the School of Forestry. In 2000, Emmett and Vi Thompson committed to match the gift made in his honor. Thompson retired in 1999 and remains active with the School.

Robert Tufts Endowed Scholarship in Forestry and Wildlife

This annual scholarship was endowed in 2005 by an anonymous donor to honor their personal friend and SFWS faculty member, Robert Tufts. Tufts began his career at Auburn in 1979. His teaching appointment includes classes in estate planning, environmental law, real property law, forest surveying, taxation of timber and other natural resources. He received a Juris Doctorate Degree in 1996 and completed a Master of Laws in summer 2005 from the University of Alabama.

Noll A. Van Cleave Endowed Scholarships in Forestry

This scholarship was created in 1990 by the late Noll Allen Van Cleave of Columbus, Ga. Van Cleave, a 1950 forestry graduate, was a well respected wood dealer and a member of the School's Advisory Council. Van Cleave received the School of Forestry Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1986. Noll A. Van Cleave is remembered as a highly resourceful businessman with wide-ranging interests and a broad circle of friends from all walks of life. His abiding creed was, "You can do anything if you stick with it." These words are as much a testament to the present generation of forestry students as it was to the forestry graduate of 1950.

L.M. and Mary Ware Endowed Scholarship in Forestry

This scholarship is supported by an endowment from the L.M. and Mary Hall Ware Trust Fund. Dr. Ware, the University's leading horticulturist for many years, is credited as the father of forestry at Auburn. Under his leadership, the joint Department of Horticulture/Forestry was created in 1946.

Watters Family Endowed Scholarships in Forestry

This scholarship was created by Julian Watters of Butler, Ala., in 1980. Watters, a graduate of the University of Alabama and a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity, supported Auburn because he believed in forestry education. Watters' vast timberland holdings compelled him to ensure that strong students would continue to be educated to assist landowners with the management of their timberland.

James M. Wells, Sr., Endowed Memorial Scholarship in Forestry

James Marcus Wells was born Feb. 29, 1896, in Bostic, N. C. Wells worked in the forest industry with Lattimore Lumber Company and Doggett Lumber Company, both in North Carolina, before owning his own company, J.M. Wells Lumber Company in Columbus, Ga. Although times were difficult during the Great Depression, Wells valued education and made certain that his children received a college education. For this reason, his daughters, Juanita Wells Hearn and Sharleen Formby Rhoads, created this scholarship in their dad's memory in 1977.