

## **RUTH AND WILL BOWDOIN SCHOLARSHIP IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

As a professional educator in her own career, Ruth Bowdoin recognized the importance of competent teaching for young children and effective education for their parents. Her commitment to these fundamentals was translated in a tangible form by the establishment of this special gift.

The scholarship is designed for an undergraduate student majoring in Early Childhood Education who plans to teach in programs for young children (i.e., pre-kindergarten through primary grades and/or parent education). The criteria for selection shall include, but not be limited to, the following requirements.

Preference will be given to students of African-American origin and residents of Tennessee or Alabama who attended the “Ruth Bowdoin Classroom on Wheels”, should such students apply and meet the above criteria. The selection process shall be under the Dean and Department Chair.

### **Selection Criteria:**

1. A major in Early Childhood Education or Interdisciplinary Studies (K-4 emphasis) as a full time student.
2. Scholarship (minimum 2.5 GPA and/or meet any changes in admission to teacher education).
3. Financial need. Must submit adequate financial verification as requested by the review committee.
4. Demonstrate a strong commitment to education for the parent as well as for the child.
5. Reflect personal and professional competencies that are believed to lead to quality teaching.
6. Interview may be requested.
7. Completed application returned to Human Sciences Executive Aide by January 31, 2005.
8. Must be full-time student during semester for which scholarship is funded.
9. Submit official university transcript that indicates current GPA.
10. Scholarship recipient will be required to attend the awards banquet.

