Kay Chester Scholarship for Teachers in Training

Kay Hettermann Chester graduated from College Park High School in 1965. After graduation, she began her college career that summer at Georgia State University, which was then Georgia State College. She became a member of Mu Rho Sigma (MRS), a sorority for married women on campus. Being married and working part time left little social time and MRS helped to provide the camaraderie and interaction with other women in similar situations. Chester graduated in 1969 with a B.A. in English and planned to teach. However, her plans changed and she started her family in 1970. She has two sons, Craig and Cliff, who live near her with their families. Through the years, her family moved every 10-12 years during the building of her husband’s various businesses. She now lives in the Vail Valley in Colorado, where she has served on several boards, including WestStar Bank, Bravo! Vail Music Festival and Chester’s Harley-Davidson – the current family business based in Mesa, Ariz.

Chester has decided to create a scholarship endowment to support women who want to be teachers and have the challenge of raising a family while furthering their education.

Scholarship Criteria

Students interested in applying for this $1,000 scholarship must meet the following criteria:

• Be in good academic standing in the College of Education and Human Development
• Pursuing a teacher preparation degree and exhibiting exemplary teaching ability
• If all other selection criteria are equal, the scholarship should be awarded to women who are raising a family while continuing their higher education.

Application Materials

Students must submit the following:

• Letter of application outlining applicant’s commitment to degree completion, financial need, and statement of suitability for the scholarship as envisioned by Kay Chester
• Two letters of support from faculty and/or staff advisor

Submission

Materials must be submitted to Joyce Many, associate dean of undergraduate studies and educator preparation, at jmany@gsu.edu by Feb. 22, 2016.