

Virginia Wilbanks Kilgore Scholarship

Multi-department Graduate Student Scholarship for FY23

Updated by Interim Dean, Sheri Worthy

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) responded to a request by the Graduate Coordinators in 2021-2022 to dedicate the ***Virginia Wilbanks Kilgore Scholarship*** solely for graduate-level scholarships. We further propose that the funds provided by the *Virginia Wilbanks Kilgore* Scholarship be allocated equally (1/4 each) in December to the FACS departments: Nutritional Sciences; Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics; Human Development and Family Science; and Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors. This scholarship does not require that students apply for FACS scholarship consideration; instead, these scholarship funds are to be used for a scholarship to “top off” recruitment packages of new, incoming Ph.D. or M.S. student applicants identified by individual departments, or, based on their strategic priorities, “top off” Ph.D. or M.S. students already enrolled in the program.

December: The total spending balance and proportion for each department will be determined Dec. 1st by Jenny Ramsey, the Director of the Budget and Finance Office (BFO) in the college. She will communicate this to the Department Heads, Graduate Coordinators, Director of Development, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, and Dean.

Spring: Each department will follow a committee process to determine the fair process to allocate funds to a student. The Graduate Coordinator alone should not select the recipient(s). The final scholarship recipient(s) must be approved by the department head.

By April 1, the name(s) and 81 number (s) of the students receiving the Kilgore for the academic year must be emailed to the Dean’s Office (Karli Cotton) so that she

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can process the funding through student financial aid. The student's offer of the *Virginia Wilbanks Kilgore Scholarship* will be generated by the Dean's office (Karli Cotton) to assure stewardship will occur (thanking donor or donor representative) and that the student is invited and expected to attend the Celebration of Excellence in October.

The funding to students will be split between Fall and Spring semesters. Exceptions to fall semester allocation must be approved by the Dean by September 1st.

By September 1st the Director of BFO will confirm with the department head and graduate coordinator that the graduate student(s) to whom the funds were allocated are enrolled. Director of BFO will share this information with Karli Cotton for her records.

Funds will not carry forward. Any allocation to a student *not* expended by September 1st will remain in the Kilgore Fund. Exceptions to fall semester allocation must be approved by the Dean by September 1st.