ASSOCIATION OF TEACHER EDUCATORS

The Anne Gayles-Felton Endowed Scholarship Award

Award Description

The **Anne Richardson Gayles-Felton Endowed Scholarship** is awarded annually to an initial licensure candidate who demonstrates promise not only as a future teacher, but also as a potential teacher educator. The scholarship is administered by the **Association of Teacher Educators (ATE)** in partnership with the **Leadership Foundation for Teacher Education (LFTE)**. The recipient is recognized during the ATE Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet.

Award History

This scholarship was established in **2013** by **Dr. Anne Richardson Gayles-Felton**, a distinguished member of ATE with more than **50 years of meritorious service**. Dr. Gayles-Felton has been a long-standing leader in teacher education, with active involvement in the **Association of Student Teaching (AST)**, the **Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE)**, and the **Florida Association of Teacher Educators (FATE)**. Her vision and dedication continue to inspire future generations of educators and teacher educators.

Eligibility and Expectations

- Must be enrolled in an **initial program (undergraduate or post-graduate) for middle school and/or secondary teachers** in an accredited teacher education program.
- Must be **nominated by an ATE member**
- Must have a **minimum GPA of B+ or higher**
- Recipient is expected to:
    - **Register for and attend** the ATE Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet the year they are honored

Nomination and Application Process

A complete application must include:

1. **Evidence of Participation**
    - Documented proof of at least **three years of sustained participation** in a student organization emphasizing teaching (e.g., Future Teachers, Student Education Associations, Young Educators Society, etc.; pre-college organizations may also be included).
2. **Letters of Recommendation (2 total)**
    - One from a **university professor**
    - One from a **school-based professional** (e.g., teacher, principal, guidance counselor, coach, dean, curriculum coach)

3. **Personal Writing Artifact**
    - A **1–1.5 page original writing sample** authored by the applicant (typed, not handwritten)
    - May take the form of a **goal statement** or **philosophy of education**

Review Process

Applications are reviewed and the recipient is selected by the **Leadership Foundation for Teacher Education (LFTE) Advisory Council**.

Timeline and Notification

- **Submission Deadline**: May 15 at 11:59 PM (EST)
- **Notification of Award**: TBD

How to Apply

- **Submit application material through the awards submission linked below:**
  Awards Submission Form

Questions

Email inquiries to: **info@ate1.org**

Past Recipients

- 2025 Emily Gabriel, Baylor University
- 2024 Emma Chambers, University of South Carolina Aiken
  Kayla Hartsock, University of South Carolina Aiken
- 2023 Santina Macgregor, Worcester State University
- 2022 No award presented
- 2021 No award presented
- 2020 Tiffany Zorn, University of South Carolina, Aiken
- 2019 Veer Mahta, Southeastern Illinois College
- 2018 Luke Burt, Walsh University
- 2017 Alex Fischer Richardson, University of South Carolina-Aiken,
- 2016 Steve Holeczy, Slippery Rock University
- 2015 Joseph Turner, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 Rebecca Norelli, West Chester University of Pennsylvania