

Hites-Dinos Family Higher Education Scholarship

The Hites-Dinos Family Higher Education Scholarship provides scholarships for students from the College of Coastal Georgia who plan to enroll in one of the new teacher education baccalaureate degree programs at the College of Coastal Georgia, following completion of a two-year degree or general education program at the College. Scholarship funds may be used to offset the costs of tuition, fees, living expenses, etc. during the planned two-year period of upper division college course enrollment. Recipients are eligible for awards of up to \$2,000.00 annually (two year maximum). The award will be dispersed equally at the beginning of fall and spring semesters.

The Hites-Dinos Family Higher Education Challenge Grant Endowment Fund Scholarship was established by the Hites Family Community College Scholarship Foundation and Coastal Georgia residents, Mary and Jack Dinos, who have been loyal and generous supporters of higher education programs across the state of Georgia for many years. The purpose of this innovative matching scholarship fund is to increase the number of community or two-year college students who perform at a high level of academic excellence and who continue their studies at baccalaureate degree-granting colleges or universities. The Hites-Dinos Scholarship targets the best and brightest students completing their first two years at the College of Coastal Georgia to encourage them to complete their studies and engage in the education of future generations.

Up to (5) five scholarships will be awarded annually to outstanding students who will be attending College of Coastal Georgia to complete their baccalaureate degree. Scholarship applications will be accepted and considered for initial award during fall semesters, at the time the student begins upper division courses. The deadline for scholarship applications is March. Criteria include the following:

- Scholarship recipients must enroll in one of the BS in Education Programs (either Early Childhood/Special Education or Middle Grades);
- Recipients must plan to teach in the state of Georgia, preferably in the Coastal Georgia region, following graduation from the program;
- Recipient must have accumulated a minimum of 60 semester hours (or its equivalent) at the time of enrollment into the baccalaureate program;
- Scholarship recipients must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 for their first two years of college courses;
- Scholarship recipients should have been involved in community service and/or volunteerism; and
- To retain the scholarship, the recipient must maintain 3.0 or better grade point average during each of the following semesters.

To apply, students should submit a cover letter and a one-to-two page essay addressing the scholarship criteria and detailing the student's qualifications for the scholarship.

The cover letter should be addressed to:

**The Hites-Dinos Endowed Scholarship
College of Coastal Georgia Foundation
3700 Altama Avenue
Brunswick, GA 31520**

Scholarship award notices will be provided to applicants prior to enrollment. In considering scholarship applications, the College of Coastal Georgia and the Student Support and Scholarship Committee may request additional information of applicants and may request to schedule a personal interview.