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The June S. Stillman Memorial Endowed Scholarship for UCF Libraries Student Assistants & USPS Staff

Overview

In 1998 the June S. Stillman Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in memory of one of the first two reference librarians hired in 1968 when the University of Central Florida (then Florida Technological University) first opened to students.

This scholarship is quite unique in that the founders created the scholarship to further the educational goals of UCF Libraries student assistants and USPS employees only.

Beginning in the academic year 1999/2000, this scholarship has been awarded annually. Originally \$1,000 was awarded to each recipient. As the endowment grew we were able to increase that amount to \$2,000. The full amount of the scholarship is awarded in the fall semester of the academic year.

Academic Year 2018/2019 marked the 20th anniversary of the scholarship. Eighteen deserving Libraries employees have received the scholarship (two of them actually won the scholarship twice!).

The Selection Committee begins accepting applications after January 1. The deadline for submission of application and accompanying paperwork is April 1.

History

The June S. Stillman Memorial Endowed Scholarship is named for a remarkable woman who served this university for decades.

June S. Stillman, pictured below with scholarship co-founders Cheryl Mahan (left) and Phyllis Hudson (right), was a charter member of the library faculty in 1968 when the Florida Technological University (later renamed University of Central Florida) opened. She began as an Associate University Librarian in the Reference Department. In 1970, she became head of the Reference Department, serving in that capacity for 18 years. In 1979 she achieved the rank of University Librarian. June served as Collection Development Librarian with responsibilities for building the Engineering Collection from 1988 to 1992, and later directed the library's Telephone Information Service (now Ask A Librarian) from 1992 until her retirement in 1996. During these years she also found time to acquire a second master's degree (English) – the first degree being in Library Science, of course, in 1986 from UCF.

Under June's leadership as head of Reference, the library moved forward with innovations in service and in applications of technology. During the 70s, June played a key role in the establishment of an online search service, precursor to the online databases we all use today. In the early 80s, she led the department's effort to implement an integrated online catalog (moving from the old paper card catalog) and to promote its use to students and faculty. In 1985, June again led public service librarians in the implementation of a second online catalog. UCF was one of the first libraries in the nation to make a conversion from one online catalog to a second system. June's leadership was also important in initiating and nurturing the Library Instruction program.

At the 25th reunion of the university's first graduating class, alumni were asked to recall the name of one important person from their student days. June Stillman was the one most often remembered, for her kindness, helpfulness, and expertise.

June S. Stillman was an active member for many years in the American Library Association, Southeastern Library Association, Florida Library Association, and United Faculty of Florida. As a member of the Florida Library Association, June was instrumental in building involvement with the Library Orientation and Bibliographic Instruction Caucus, serving as its Clearinghouse Director for many years. She was an active member of the Beta Phi Mu and Phi Kappa Phi national honor societies.

Appropriately, June Stillman was the recipient of the first UCF Excellence in Librarianship award in 1984. She received the UCF Library Lifetime Service Award in 1996 at her retirement from the university and was posthumously designated Faculty Emerita in 2000.

What makes June Stillman's contributions to the UCF Libraries remarkable is not only her achievements, but her commitment to the university and the library profession. Her pursuit of accurate, timely information for faculty and students set a high service standard for the entire library staff. She valued learning for its own sake. Her work at the UCF library has had an impact on the UCF experience of almost every graduate through the services she helped establish, and the collection she helped build.

By example and by encouragement, she was an inspiration to her family and friends and to the student assistants and university colleagues who worked with her. After her untimely and tragic death in 1998, this annual scholarship was established by those who loved and respected her, to honor June S. Stillman and to keep her memory alive forever.



June S. Stillman
June 27, 1929 – March 10, 1998



Cheryl Mahan, June Stillman,
and Phyllis Hudson (1996)

Criteria

The successful candidate for the June S. Stillman Memorial Endowed Scholarship will meet the following criteria AND submit the requisite paperwork described below.

Eligibility

Criteria	Undergraduate	Graduate	USPS/A&P
Overall Grade Point Average (GPA)	2.5	2.5	2.5
Must be enrolled as a full-time student at UCF at the time of application	12 or more hours	9 or more hours	3 or more hours
Library employment*	3 full semesters within last two years	3 full semesters with last two years	12 months within last five years
Must use the scholarship to pursue educational goals at UCF	Yes	Yes	Yes
Must be (and remain) registered as full-time student at UCF for <u>entire fall semester</u> following receipt of the award	Yes	Yes	Yes

*The current spring semester may count as the third semester or requisite number of months for USPS

Paperwork

All applicants must:

Submit a completed [Application Form](#)

Attach the following to [Application Form](#):

Current **transcript** (NOTE: an Official Class Audit Report is acceptable, but an official transcript may be required for verification if awarded the scholarship)

A total of three **letters of recommendation** - one from each of the following:

Library: One of their library supervisors; letter must include verification of at least 3 full semesters' work**

Academic: Current or former teacher, professor, or advisor

Personal: A person (other than a family member) acquainted with applicant for at least one calendar year

A 500-word **essay** discussing professional and educational goals, and reasons for furthering their education

A **résumé** or **personal statement** addressing the following:

AWARDS/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Describe personal accomplishments in community organizations, church or service groups, etc. Include military service if applicable. List dates, positions held, and any awards or scholarships received. Include any relevant information that might influence the scholarship selection committee's decision.

WORK HISTORY

Describe current or former job in the UCF Libraries (position, responsibilities, accomplishments). Describe one valuable contribution that applicant has made at the UCF Libraries. Describe any previous job(s) or volunteer positions the same way.

EDUCATION

List training, degrees, or certificates earned after high school including names of schools and dates.

**NOTE: Members of the Selection Committee may write a letter of recommendation, but they must recuse themselves from the Committee.

NOTE: Before submitting any application for scholarships, applicants are strongly advised to ascertain what effect, if any, receipt of the award will have on current or future financial assistance awards, including Federal Work Study.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to have a supervisor, mentor, or faculty member review the application packet, including letters of recommendation and personal statement, before submitting it to the selection committee.