June S. Stillman Memorial Endowed Scholarship - History

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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.
Criteria

The successful candidate for the June S. Stillman Memorial Endowed Scholarship will meet the following qualifications AND submit the required documentation.

Qualifications

1. You have an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher as of March 1, 2023.
2. At the time of application and through the Fall 2023 semester, you are either:
   a. an undergraduate student taking at least 9 credit hours
   b. a graduate student taking at least 6 credit hours, or
   c. a USPS staff member taking at least 3 credit hours.
3. You have worked in the UCF Libraries as:
   a. a student assistant for at least two semesters (may be nonconsecutive) within the last two years as of May 1, 2023 or
   b. a current full-time USPS employee of one year as of May 1, 2023.
4. You use the scholarship to pursue educational goals at UCF

Required Documentation: all signed items may be digitally or hand-signed

1. The completed scholarship application form, signed
2. Enrollment information:
   - Undergraduate students: Degree Audit
   - Graduate students: Degree Audit
3. A signed letter of recommendation from a library supervisor (must include employment verification)¹
4. A 500-word essay discussing your professional and educational goals, and how they reflect the values of June Stillman who was committed to lifelong learning, going above and beyond to help patrons and colleagues, and setting a high standard of professional excellence.
5. A résumé or CV which includes the following:
   a. Awards/community service: Describe your personal accomplishments in community organizations, religious or service groups, etc. Include military service if applicable. List dates, positions held, and any awards or scholarships received.
   b. Work history: Describe your current or former job(s) in the UCF Libraries (position, responsibilities, accomplishments). Include one valuable contribution that you have made. Describe any non-Libraries job or volunteer positions in the same manner.
   c. Education: List your training, degrees, or certificates earned after high school including names of schools and dates.

¹ Members of Dean’s Advisory Group, who make the scholarship winner selection, may write a letter of recommendation, but they must recuse themselves from the selection process