

**THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND FAMILY SCIENCES  
SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS**

**FAMILY SCIENCES RELATED**

**A**

**The Barbara N Armstrong Scholarship (Est. 1981)**

Graduate assistants in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences established this scholarship in honor of Barbara N. Armstrong, Ph.D., professor of Family and Consumer Sciences and former head of the school. An outstanding teacher, deeply committed to the pursuit of knowledge, Dr. Armstrong is the rare teacher who can make learning fun and who gives her students gifts which will last a lifetime.

**Application Criteria:**

- GPA – NA
- Class Standing – Undergraduate or Graduate Student majoring in Family Sciences
- Load Hours – 12 or more undergraduate or 9 graduate credit hours
- Academic Merit
- Preference – Graduate student

**Application Process:**

- Deadline - May 20th
- Application – Form available on Department webpage; Students are notified when available.
- Chosen by – Faculty Committee

**B**

**Claudia J Bowers-Sayers Scholarship in Family Studies (Est. XXXX)**

The Claudia J. Bowers Scholarship has been created to assist a deserving student in the School of Social Work and Family Sciences (formerly known as Family and Consumer Sciences). The scholarship is renewable annually.

**Application Criteria:**

- GPA – NA
- Class Standing - Undergraduate or Graduate Student majoring in Family Sciences
- Load Hours – 12 or more undergraduate or 9 graduate credit hours
- Academic Merit
- Financial Need
- Other Criteria – Volunteer Involvement

### **Application Process:**

- Deadline - May 20th
- Application – Form available on department webpage; Students are notified by email when available.
- Chosen by – Faculty Committee

## **C**

### **Cleminshaw, Helen K. Endowed Scholarship (Est. 2023)**

**The Helen K. Cleminshaw Endowed Scholarship was established in 2023 by John G. Cleminshaw and his family to lovingly honor the memory of John's wife, Helen K. Cleminshaw, and to celebrate and recognize Helen's life journey and achievements.**

In 1981, Helen was appointed Director of the Center for Family Studies at The University of Akron. During her time at UA, she developed numerous programs designed to strengthen family bonds including home-based intervention. One of the major contributions she fostered was her Child Life curriculum, which trained students to work with seriously ill children and minister to their emotional needs. Helen was a prolific producer of funds acquired through grants. Her listing of awards, presentations, and publications is outstanding. Helen also established The Fred A. Kronseder and Helen W. Kronseder Scholarship in 1987 to encourage students in the joy of learning at The University of Akron. The scholarship was established in honor of her parents who first taught Helen the delight achieved by study.

### **Application Criteria**

- Full or part-time graduate or undergraduate students majoring in Child & Family Development. Recipients will be selected by The University of Akron Scholarship Committee in the Office of Student Financial Aid with a preference given to students who have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and are involved in extracurricular activities. Graduate students should receive first consideration. The number of recipients and scholarship amounts may vary as funds are available.

### **Application Process**

- Recipients will be selected by The University of Akron Scholarship Committee in the Office of Student Financial Aid with a preference given to students who have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and are involved in extracurricular activities.
- Graduate students should receive first consideration.
- The number of recipients and scholarship amounts may vary as funds are available.

## **D**

### **The Bernard Dean Scholarship in Family and Child Development (Est. 2002)**

**The Bernard Dean Scholarship in Family and Child Development was created by Susan D. and David D. Witt to honor their fathers, Bernard Prebyski and Dean Witt. This scholarship will provide financial assistance to a Family Development or Child Development major in the School of Social Work and Family Sciences (formerly known as Family and Consumer Sciences).**

### **Application Criteria:**

- GPA – NA
- Class Standing - Undergraduate or Graduate Student majoring in Family Sciences
- Load Hours – 12 or more undergraduate or 9 graduate credit hours
- Other Criteria – A demonstrated resilience in the face of adversity as described in an essay that includes how they met this criterion and how the award will assist them in achieving their professional goals.

**Application Process:**

- Deadline - May 20th
- Application – Form available on department webpage; Students are notified by email when available.
- Chosen by – Faculty Committee in coordination with the donors.

## **F**

**The Leona W Farris Scholarship (Est. 1987)**

This scholarship was established by the faculty of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences in recognition of Leona W. Farris, Director of Community Involvement, who taught in the School for 20 years. The earnings from its endowed fund are to be used to encourage black university students majoring in Family Sciences.

**Application Criteria:**

- GPA – High
- Class Standing - Undergraduate or Graduate Student majoring in Family Sciences
- Load Hours – 12 or more undergraduate or 9 graduate credit hours
- Academic Merit
- Financial Need
- Other Criteria – A demonstrated commitment to community service; minority preferred

**Application Process:**

- Deadline - May 20th
- Application – Form available on department webpage; Students are notified by email when available.
- Chosen by – Faculty Committee

## **K**

**Fred A Kronseder and Helen W Kronseder Scholarship (Est. 1987)**

Dr. Helen K. Cleminshaw established The Fred A. Kronseder and Helen W. Kronseder Scholarship to encourage students in the joy of learning. The scholarship was given in honor of her parents who first taught her the joy of learning.

**Application Criteria:**

- GPA – High
- Class Standing - Undergraduate or Graduate Student majoring in Family Sciences (formerly known as Family and Consumer Sciences)
- Load Hours – 12 or more undergraduate or 9 graduate credit hours
- Academic Merit

**Application Process:**

- Deadline - May 20th
- Application – Form available on department webpage; Students are notified by email when the application is available.
- Chosen by – Faculty Committee