

**RUTH RITTER and RUTH ANNE SCHULTZ
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
SPONSORED BY
THE NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATORS**

The Association offers up to two scholarships to student members who are college juniors and/or seniors majoring in any one or more of the many disciplines of Family and Consumer Sciences.

The scholarship(s) are also open to graduate students who are majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences, or a certified Family and Consumer Sciences teacher working towards permanent certification (does not have to be a Master's degree in FACS). \$750.00 will be allocated to each scholarship winner.

These grants have been created in memory of two fabulous FACS educators:

Ruth L. Ritter

Ruth L. Ritter graduated from Buffalo State College, and began her teaching career in the Margaretville Central School District. An enthusiastic teacher and class advisor, she established one of the first chapters of Future Homemakers of America in New York State. (Now called Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) After teaching in Margaretville for many years, Ruth worked with the Cattaraugus County Cooperative Extension in Salamanca. However, her love of teaching and working with students brought her back into the classroom. Ruth became teacher and chairperson of the Home Economics Department for the Penfield Central School District where again she initiated a FHA program.

When the discussion of having a statewide association for FACS Teachers began, Ruth Ritter was an avid supporter and worked diligently to see that the organization developed. She served as the first elected president and continued her commitment beyond retirement. Ruth loved life. Her enthusiasm was contagious. She was a dedicated friend, a loyal supporter of her profession, and a great example for all to follow. To commemorate her memory, the first Memorial Scholarship was awarded in her name at the 1984 State Convention.

Ruth Anne Schultz

“Outstanding teacher, dedicated professional, leader, mentor, quilter, fashion advisor, shopper extraordinaire, organizer, risk taker, care giver, person who put ‘beautiful downtown Nelson’ on the map, and lady who was never at a loss for words” unmistakably described Ruth Anne Schultz. The tragic car accident that took her life on November 5, 2002, also deprived Family and Consumer Sciences Education of a loyal, devoted advocate.

Ruth Anne was the consummate professional. Actively involved in numerous professional organizations, she held leadership roles in the NYS Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Educators, Association of Career and Technical Educators both in New York State and at the national level, NYS Family, Career, Community Leaders of America as well as aggressively lobbying in Albany and Washington for educational issues.

A former student, who now teaches Family and Consumer Sciences and was named Teacher-of-the-Year in Tampa, Florida, spoke at her memorial service. “She had a way of sweeping you up in things and making you believe in yourself. Miss Schultz is the best teacher I’ve ever known.”

Criteria for Submitting Application:

1. *The applicant must:*
 - *A junior or senior Family and Consumer Science Education Major attending a college in New York State*
 - *A graduate student pursuing a Master’s Degree leading to certification in Family and Consumer Science Education*
 - *A certified Family and Consumer Sciences teacher working towards professional certification (does not have to be a Master’s degree in FACS).*
2. *A student member or an active/associate member of the New York State Association of Family and Consumer Science Educators.*

3. *Sponsored by a New York State Association of Family and Consumer Science Educators member. This person must be identified by name in a written recommendation.*
4. *Have financial need.*

The application will be considered complete when the following have been received electronically by the scholarship committee:

1. *Completed scholarship application form*
2. *Written statement which includes the following information:*
 - *Explanation of financial need*
 - *Why you chose to major in Family and Consumer Sciences*
 - *How one of these scholarships will help you reach your goals.*
3. *Resume*
4. *Most recent transcript (does not have to be an official copy, but does need a current date).*
5. *Letter of recommendation*

To be considered for the scholarship, all criteria must be received by **October 1st** of current school year of study.

***Submit electronically to the current State Awards Chairperson:
(Please write NYSAFCSE SCHOLARSHIP as the subject)***



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APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Date _____

Home Address _____

Phone Number _____

NYS AFCSE Area _____

College Attending: _____

College Address: _____

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Check list:

- Completed scholarship application form
- Written statement of financial need. Also, explain why you chose to major in Family and Consumer Sciences, and how one of these scholarships will help you reach your goals.
- Resume
- Most recent transcript (does not have to be an official copy, but does need a current date).
- Letter of recommendation