



**RUTH L. RITTER
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
SPONSORED BY
THE NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATORS**

The Association offers up a scholarship 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. \$750.00 will be allocated to the scholarship winner.

This grant has been created in memory of a fabulous FACS educator:

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.

Criteria for Submitting Application:

1. The applicant must be:
 - A junior or senior Family and Consumer Science Education Major attending a college in New York State.
2. The applicant must be a student, active, or associate member of the New York State Association of Family and Consumer Science Educators (NYS AFCSE).
3. The applicant must have a written letter of recommendation from a current NYSAFCSE Member.
4. The applicant must provide an explanation of how funds will assist in their education.

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 how funds will assist in your education.
 - Why you chose to major in Family and Consumer Sciences.
 - How the scholarship will help you reach your goals.
3. Résumé.
4. Most recent transcript (does not have to be an official copy, but does need a current date).
5. Written letter of recommendation from a current NYSAFCSE Member.

To be considered for the scholarship, all criteria must be received by **November 1st** of current school year of study. Submit electronically to the current State Awards Chairperson, Beka Stoll
Rebekah.stoll@valleycentralschools.org
(Please write RUTH L. RITTER SCHOLARSHIP as the subject).



**RUTH L. RITTER
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APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____

Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

NYS AFCSE Area: _____

College Attending: _____

College Address: _____



RUTH L. RITTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP CHECK LIST

Check list:

- Completed scholarship application form
- Written statement of how funds will assist in your education.
- Explain why you chose to major in Family and Consumer Sciences, and how this scholarship will help you reach your goals.
- Résumé
- Most recent transcript (does not have to be an official copy, but does need a current date).
- Letter of recommendation from a current NYSAFCSE member.
- Send by November 1.