Kevin DeMarcus Acree Memorial Scholarship

If you are a full-time student at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College and enrolled in the Culinary Arts program, you may qualify for a $500 scholarship.

To apply, please fill out the attached application, collect the required documentation, and return it to the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation South located in Brooks Hall, Room 512.

Or mail to:
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation South
4089 Val Tech Road
Valdosta, GA 31602

Applications must be received by the deadline posted at http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php.
Information about Kevin D. Acree

Kevin always dreamed of going to a culinary school to become a chef. Unfortunately, Kevin was diagnosed with Lupus at the age of 13. After graduating from Lowndes High School, his dream was to attend Johnson Wales Culinary School. Due to his illness he did not get the opportunity to attend. Therefore, Kevin enrolled as a student Wiregrass Georgia Technical College (formerly known as Valdosta Technical College) in the Data Communications program. When he learned that the technical college was going to start a complete Culinary Arts Program, he was excited. He vowed to be one of the first students in the program. During the planning stages of the program, we lost Kevin due to complications during a medical procedure in March of 2008. This scholarship will be offered as a memorial allowing us to fulfill Kevin’s wishes of being involved in the Culinary Arts Program at Wiregrass Technical College and to keep his dream alive in the students attending.

Requirements:

1. Must be a full-time WGTC student.
2. Must have a C average and maintain that if awarded the scholarship.
3. Scholarship funds will be awarded annually (divisible by semester).
4. Selection of student will be made by the WGTC Foundation South Selection Committee. The committee will interview a minimum of three applicants.
5. An amount of $250 per semester will be awarded on an “as-needed” basis.
6. No checks will be written directly to the student.
7. Scholarship can be used for supplies, test, tuition, books, or any item the student needs to succeed in the Culinary Arts Program.
8. If used for an exam, the cost of the exam will not be given to the student, but will be paid directly by the Foundation.
9. If the selected student does not use all of the scholarship funds while in school, the remainder will be returned to the Foundation for future scholarship recipients.
10. If the student withdraws from WGTC for any reason, the remaining part of the scholarship is void, and funds will be available for the next scholarship recipient.
11. Scholarship recipients can reapply for the annual award.
12. Notes of progress will be given to the donor each semester.
13. Applications and letters of reference must be received no later than the deadline posted at http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php.

Questions regarding the Kevin DeMarcus Acree Memorial Scholarship, eligibility, or criteria should be directed to Dr. Penelope Schmidt in the WGTC Foundation South Office at 229.293.6190 or by email at penelope.schmidt@wiregrass.edu.
Application for Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation South
Kevin DeMarcus Acree Memorial Scholarship

Name________________________________________

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Last               First               Middle Initial

ADDRESS___________________________________________________________________________

Street               City               State               Zip

Telephone________________________________________EMAIL_______________________________

Anticipated Date of Graduation________________________GPA ____________

I, __________________________ plan to continue my education in the Culinary Arts Program at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. I understand that the scholarship funds will be paid directly to Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation South. Reimbursements for any eligible expenses will be made through the Foundation using their normal disbursement policy. I also give Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation South permission to check my records to verify information given in order to determine my eligibility for assistance.

Media Release: If I am awarded any Foundation funds, I do □ do not □ (mark one) authorize Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation South, Inc., to use my name, information, award(s), and/or photo in media releases, reports, and newsletters.

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(Applicant Signature)                                      (Date)

Student’s Signature____________________________________ Date____________________________

Please attach proof of enrollment for Wiregrass Georgia Technical College indicating that you have been accepted or are attending.

In 300 words or less, tell the committee why you feel that you should be the recipient of the Kevin DeMarcus Acree Memorial Scholarship and why you are attending Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Explain in detail what you would like funded through this scholarship; books, supplies, equipment, tuition, etc. Attach two letters of reference, one personal and one from an instructor.

As set forth in its student catalog, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, veteran status, or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). Any violation or questions may be directed to Shalonda Sanders, Title IX Coordinator (all campuses), Executive Director for Human Resources, Valdosta Campus, Berrien Hall, Room 114, (229) 333-5356 opt. 4 or shalonda.sanders@wiregrass.edu or Katrina Royal, Student ADA & Section 504 Coordinator (all campuses), Special Populations Coordinator, Valdosta Campus, Berrien Hall, Room 107, (229) 333-2100 ext. 1236 or katrina.royal@wiregrass.edu (*student ADA & student disability claims only). Telephone numbers are accessible to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Georgia Relay by dialing 711 or (800) 255-0056 from a TTY/TDD.
Kevin DeMarcus Acree Scholarship Instructor Recommendation Sheet

Directions: To be completed by the instructor and returned (by Instructor) to Dr. Penelope Schmidt, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation South, Brooks Hall, Room 512. Please contact 229-293-6190 or penelope.schmidt@wiregrass.edu with questions.

Print Instructor Name______________________________________________________________

Name of Student____________________________________________________________________

Enrolled Fulltime Y N GPA_______ Anticipated Date of Graduation:______________________

Please give a brief explanation as to the reasons why you feel this student is deserving of the Kevin DeMarcus Acree Memorial Scholarship award. Please note the scholarship is to be used to cover the cost of supplies, equipment, tuition, exams, etc. If you need more space, please attach additional pages.

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Instructor’s Signature:_________________________________________ Date: ________________