



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

2025

**DAVID FANCHER HARD ENDOWED
GRADUATE AWARD APPLICATION**

Qualifications:

Graduate student in AUM College of Education pursuing a Master of Counselor Education Degree (or Education Specialist Degree in Counselor Educational) with a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA (or 3.25 cumulative GPA for Education Specialist).

Application is due by March 3, 2025

Personal Information

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Permanent Address: _____

County: _____ **Telephone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Student ID S _____ **Classification:** _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____ **Major:** _____

Current AUM GPA: _____ **Advisor:** _____

Academic Honors or Awards: _____

School Activities: _____

Community Activities: _____

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Graduate Award Criteria**

- Be admitted to the Auburn University at Montgomery College of Education, with a declared major of the Master's in Counselor Education (any accredited counseling track including, but not limited to, School Counseling or Clinical Metal Health Counseling tracks). However, if a Master's student in Counselor Education cannot be identified, the graduate award will be awarded to a graduate student in the Education Specialist Degree of the Counselor Education program (any accredited counseling track).
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale for Master's degree, or 3.25 on a 4.0 scale if an Education Specialist candidate is chosen.
- Demonstrate financial need as verified by the Office of Financial Aid. If a student with financial need cannot be identified, this criterion may be waived.
- Be a resident of the State of Alabama. However, if a student from Alabama cannot be identified, the graduate award will be awarded to another qualified student.
- Be involved in the AUM Spectrum (also known as the AUM Gay Straight Alliance) or other organization with a similar mission. However, if a member of the AUM Spectrum or other similar organization cannot be identified, the graduate award will be awarded to another qualified student.
- **Resume**
Please attach a typed resume with your scholarship. Be sure to begin with grade 12 and list academic achievements, awards, campus activities/leadership, community service, offices held, and employment. Please be sure to highlight your leadership experiences in your resume.
- **Letter of Recommendation**
Please attach one letter of recommendation from a school official, mentor, pastor, employer, or other non-relative.
- **Essay**
The David Fancher Hard scholarship is named for Dr. Paul Hard's late husband whose untimely death prompted a legal fight for marriage equality in Alabama. Please describe your commitment to diversity and inclusion in your eventual work in circumstances such as this and others.

**Please email completed applications with supporting documentation,
and an advising copy of your transcript to:**

**Dr. Traci Kell
tkell@aum.edu**