

Scholarships, Awards, and Benefits

The Sue Deaton Ross Scholarship, an endowed scholarship, was established to honor Sue Ross, an aid administrator in Virginia, 1980 VASFAA President and Lifetime Member of the Association. The scholarship was founded in 1989 and first awarded in 1993. It is presented by VASFAA to higher education institutions to honor the time and effort spent by their VASFAA Past President. The Past President chooses a student at his or her institution to whom the scholarship is awarded; a student who is encouraged to achieve his or her full educational potential. Yearly awards have increased from a \$1,000 scholarship amount to \$1,500. Students from a variety of institutions throughout Virginia have benefited from this scholarship.

The New Century Award was established in the spring of 1999 with a \$50,000 contribution to provide professional development opportunities for VASFAA members. The Presidents Council, based on individual proposals, awards grants for a variety of suggested initiatives. Examples include grants for attendance at professional meetings, attendance at the New Aid Officers training, Experienced Aid Workshop funding, and funding for creative institutional campus workshops.

VASFAA also offers opportunities for professional training and growth for the membership through conference involvement and other training opportunities throughout the year.