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**AFFIDAVIT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR COVERED BY AWARDS,
JULY 2002 THROUGH JUNE 2003.**

- ? I certify that the information submitted in this combined application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge: I fully understand the obligations incurred by my acceptance of any financial aid granted to me as a result of this application; and that any violation by me of any of the above statements may subject me to forfeiture of my financial aid award for the year of the application and/or denial of eligibility for renewal for the next academic year.
- ? I hereby affirm that all student financial assistance received at Darton College, including but not limited to the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Work-Study Program, Hope Scholarship, Hope Grant, Leap Grant Program, or Federal Stafford and Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Programs will be used solely for expenses related to attendance at Darton College.
- ? I hereby certify that I am not in default on any loan made under the Federal Stafford Loan Program (formerly the Guaranteed Student Loan Program), Federal PLUS or Federal Perkins Loan Program (formerly the National Direct/Defense Student Loan Program) for attendance at ANY institution and that I do not owe a refund on a grant received under the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, or Hope Grant program for attendance at ANY institution.
- ? If I charge any books or supplies in the College Bookstore, or incur any other associated costs of attendance, or have a returned check(s), I agree to allow the Business Office to use any remaining Pell Grant, Stafford Loan, or other awards over and above tuition, fees and to satisfy these, prior to returning any of said monies to me.
- ? Awards are not automatically renewed from year to year. New applications must be submitted annually by the priority date of June 1st for the following year. Summer funds are limited and may be further limited by your academic year award.
- ? Students withdrawing prior to the beginning of classes must repay the entire amount of aid disbursed for that term. Students withdrawing after the beginning of classes but prior to 60% of the semester will be required to repay a prorated portion of aid funds. Students who withdraw must repay aid that is unearned bases on the date of withdrawal, amount of institutional charges, and amount/type of aid.
- ? I understand the Office of Financial Aid reserves the right to review, revise, or cancel the award at any time due to changes in financial or academic status, discovery of incorrect or falsified information, or errors in the determination of eligibility and need for assistance.

Signature (in ink) _____

Date _____

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

Federal Aid

Federal Pell Grant

- Largest federal aid program; based on need

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

- Limited funds for students with exceptional need

Federal Work-Study (FWS)

- Opportunity to earn financial aid through work; based on need

Federal Stafford Student Loans

- Subsidized loans – based on need; government pays interest while student is in school, during six months after student stops attending and during periods of authorized deferment
- Unsubsidized loans- available to all students regardless of need; student is responsible for all interest which accrues during in-school, grace and deferment periods

Federal PLUS Loans

- Parent loan

State Aid

HOPE Scholarship Program

- Available to degree-seeking students completing high school with a B average.
- Students can earn HOPE Scholarship by achieving a cumulative 3.0 GPA after attempting 30, 60, or 90 semester hours of study.

HOPE Grant Program

- Available to certificate-seeking students regardless of high school graduation date or GPA.

Promise II Scholarship Program

- Provides service-cancelable loans to teacher paraprofessionals and instructional aides who worked in Georgia public schools beginning with the 1999-2000 school year
- Recipients are obligated to teach in a Georgia public school one academic year for the one year scholarship

Service Cancelable Loan Program

- For student wishing to pursue careers in critical shortage fields in Georgia
- Loans are cancelable based on the years of service the student works in Georgia

How to Apply

Application Procedures for Students Seeking Federal Financial Aid

- Students seeking assistance through *any* federal aid program must complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* or apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- If the application is mailed, the student can expect to receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) from the federal processing center in four to six weeks. The student should review the summary to verify the accuracy of the submitted information.
- If the application is completed online, the student will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) in approximately two weeks. The student should review the summary to verify the accuracy of the submitted information.
- The Office of Student Financial Aid will contact the student if additional verification and/or documentation are required.
- Students awarded the Federal Pell Grant, Federal supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Work-Study and/or Federal Stafford Loans will receive an award letter designating the amounts and type of assistance being offered. Students must apply each year in order to continue to receive aid.

Application Procedures for Students Seeking Assistance Through the HOPE Scholarship and Grant Programs

- Students seeking assistance through the HOPE Scholarship and Grants Programs will complete the HOPE Alternate Application or apply online at www.gsfc.org/ehope. The HOPE application and the Darton Financial Aid Application must be completed and submitted to the Office of Student Financial Aid. *Students following this procedure will not be eligible for any other available aid.*
- Students determined eligible to receive the HOPE Scholarship or Grant will receive an award letter designating the amount of assistance being offered. Students must apply each year in order to receive financial aid.

Additional Procedures for Students Seeking Assistance Through Loans

- Students must complete separate institutional application for loans and a mastery promissory note application.
- Once application is processed, student will receive a disclosure statement from the lender within 3-4 weeks notifying the student of loan approval.
- All loan recipients must be currently enrolled in at least six credit hours.
- First-time borrowers are required to attend entrance loan counseling prior to receiving the proceeds of the loan.
- First-time borrowers must complete a 30-day waiting period before receiving the proceeds of the loan. All other loan recipients will receive loan proceeds after two weeks.

Darton College Office of Financial Aid

Standards of Progress

The Educational Amendments of 1976 provide that financial aid payments through Title IV federal programs must not be made if a student is not making satisfactory academic progress in the declared program of study. At Darton College the definition of satisfactory academic progress has three (3) components as defined below:

1. Qualitative Standards of Progress – To remain in good standing, the financial aid recipient is expected to maintain the same grade point average as any other student enrolled. This standing takes into account the number of hours attempted and is computed as follows. Students falling below these minimums will be placed on academic and financial aid suspension. Students who are placed on financial aid suspension for failure to meet one of the conditions stated below will be ineligible for financial aid until they have paid for and passed the same number of hours that they were originally registered for during that semester. If student was enrolled in more than 12 hours student will only have to complete and pass 12 semester hours.

Semester Hours Attempted	Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA)
0 – 30	Not Classified
31 – 40	1.80
41 – 50	1.90
51 or more	2.00

2. Quantitative Standards of Progress – In addition to maintaining the qualitative requirements defined above, the financial aid recipient must complete satisfactorily a portion of the work taken each semester in order to remain eligible for financial aid. The table shown below defines the hours to be completed satisfactorily based on hours carried:

<u>Hours to be Satisfactorily Completed</u>	
Registered For:	Must Complete:
12 or more	8
10 – 11	7
9	6
7 – 8	5
6	4
4 – 5	3
3	2
2 – 1	1

Satisfactory completion is defined as a grade of “D” or better except in those courses where a “D” grade must be repeated (EH 101, EH102, nursing courses, etc.). A grade of “IP” in Developmental Studies shall be considered satisfactory although a student may receive assistance for no more than four attempts in any remedial area. Grades of “F”, “WF”, or “W” shall be considered unsatisfactory.

A student who fails to satisfactorily complete the required number of hours in a given semester will be ineligible for continued aid until such time as the equivalent of the same number of hours has been satisfactorily completed. Students in this category may appeal their financial aid suspension if there are extenuating circumstance. The Financial Aid Appeals Committee will review students on a case by case basis; where there is substantial justification, the Committee may recommend reinstatement of financial aid.

3. Maximum Length of Time for Assistance – Based on #2 above a student who enrolls full time would be eligible for a maximum of six (6) semesters of assistance in most programs. One additional semester would be allowed in certain career programs which are five (5) semesters in length. A student enrolled half-time would be eligible for a maximum of twelve (12) semesters. Since enrollment patterns vary from semester to semester, students will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Reinstatement of Financial Aid / Right of Appeal – It shall be the student’s responsibility to petition the Financial Aid Office for reinstatement of financial aid prior to the beginning of the semester in which aid is requested. A student whose aid has been terminated for one of the reasons stated above shall have the right to appeal the suspension to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee which meets at the beginning of each semester. Student must complete the financial aid appeals form and provide copies of all documentation.

Change of Major - A student who changes major will be under the time limitation as described in #3 above. All previously earned credit, which is applicable, will be applied to the new major.

Determination of Award Amounts – In determining a student’s eligibility for aid and the category of aid (full-time three-quarter, half-time) only those courses required for graduation or remediation shall be considered. Repeated courses will not be counted if the original grade was satisfactory. This in no way prohibits a student from taking other courses of his/her choosing but simply means such courses cannot be used in computing the student’s course load for financial aid purposes and the student must contact the office so that adjustments to financial aid can be made. The student wishing to be full-time for aid purposes would be well advised to register for a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours of work required by the major.

DARTON COLLEGE REFUND POLICY

Any student receiving **Federal Title IV funds and/or Georgia HOPE funds** will be subject to the following policy regarding return of financial aid funds:

Darton College and the student will be required to return to the federal and/or state aid programs the amount of aid received that was in excess of the aid “earned” for the time period the student remained enrolled.

The percentage of the semester completed is the percentage of aid earned: This is calculated by the number of days the student attended divided by the number of days in the payment period (i.e., semester). For example, if a student withdrew on the 20th day of a semester 114 days in length, the student would have earned only 17.5% of the aid he/she received ($20/114 = 0.175$).

Students who remain enrolled through at least 60% of the payment period (semester) are considered to have earned 100% of the aid received and will not owe a repayment of financial aid funds. **Remember, after 50% of the semester (mid-term), you are still penalized academically for withdrawing.**

If Darton College returns funds to a financial aid program, it could result in the student owing Darton College for charges that were originally paid at the time of disbursement. Students are responsible for any balance owed to Darton College as a result of the repayment of financial aid funds. Written notification of repayment obligation will be sent to students. Payment must be submitted to Darton College within 45 days from the date notification is sent to the student. If the student’s obligation remains unpaid after 45 days, all aid eligibility is suspended and overpayment information is reported to the U. S. Department of Education and/or the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia has also changed its refund policy effective Fall Semester 2000 to coincide with the Federal policy explained above.

If you completely withdraw from classes following drop/add day, you will be subject to the same policy as explained above and refunded accordingly.

DARTON COLLEGE WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Withdrawal – To withdraw from all courses, that is, resign from college, students must report either to their faculty academic advisor, their major division chairperson, or the Registrar's Office and process a withdrawal request. One part of the process is an exit interview with the faculty advisor or the major division chairperson. If circumstances make it impossible for students to present themselves on the campus, a written request to withdraw will suffice. Students who fail to withdraw officially will receive the grade of "F" in all courses for which they are registered.

Late Withdrawal/Drop – The WF Penalty – Students who drop a course or withdraw from the College after the date published in the Catalog as the last day to drop a course or withdraw from the College without penalty will receive a grade of WF for all courses involved. The only exceptions are in cases of hardship as determined by the Vice President for Academic Affairs or his designated representative. Verification of hardship will be required.



Office of Financial Aid & Veterans Affairs
Request to Release
Personally Identifiable and Confidential Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires the Office of Financial Aid & Veterans Affairs to release detailed information to only the student. The student may; however, voluntarily waive their privacy rights to the person(s) they choose to authorize in the statement below. By completing this form the named person(s) will have the ability to obtain information regarding the student's financial aid file.

I _____ hereby waive my rights under the
(Student's Name)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) by authorizing the
Darton College Office of Financial Aid & Veterans Affairs to share any
requested information concerning my financial aid application, awards,
and other "non-directory" information to:

(First and last name of the person(s) authorized to obtain financial aid information)

Student's Signature: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date: _____

Scholarship Opportunities



AN ENTIRE WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE
CAN BE
YOURS WITH A
DARTON COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIP

The Darton College Foundation, Inc. and other sources provide scholarship opportunities for students attending Darton College. Darton College Foundation Scholarships can be used in addition to the Georgia HOPE Scholarship Program. Students receiving HOPE monies can utilize a scholarship award to cover associated expenses of attending Darton College. Scholarships are awarded based upon the number of credit hours for which the student is enrolled. Only the athletic, student services, and technology fees are covered by scholarships. Students receiving federal financial aid assistance cannot be awarded a scholarship that will exceed their need limit. **All students applying for scholarships must also complete the federal financial aid application. All recipients who remain eligible and wish to renew their scholarships must do so by submitting a new application (completely filled out) with the "Renewal" box checked. This is due by March 15 of each academic year.**

NEW STUDENT INCENTIVE - Recipients will need to be new students to Darton College. Selection will be based upon high school GPA and SAT or ACT scores. Students can enroll full or part-time each semester. Recipients must maintain a 2.0 or better GPA. The **New Student Incentive** scholarship covers one-half the cost of in-state tuition and fees for the first academic year.*

SPECIAL TALENT - Recipients will be selected based upon exhibiting a special talent, demonstrated by letters of recommendation and/or past participation in the talent area. Students must enroll full-time each semester. Recipients must maintain a 2.0 or better GPA. The **Special Talent** scholarship covers one-half the cost of in-state tuition and fees each semester. Scholarship renewal is dependent upon the recommendation of the supervising faculty member.

SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP - Recipients will be selected based upon participation in appropriate institutional service amounting to 10 hours per week. Students must enroll full-time, maintain a 2.25 or better GPA, and be recommended for continuation by their service supervisor to retain the scholarship. The **Service Scholarship** provides a fellowship stipend totaling \$750.00 per semester.

OWLS - The **Older Wiser Learners Scholarship** provides non-traditional students with financial assistance to encourage educational endeavors. Recipients must have been away from any educational setting (high school/college/technical school) for over five years. Students must enroll for at least 12 credit hours each semester. Recipients must maintain a 2.0 or better GPA each semester to remain eligible. The **OWLS** scholarship covers one-half the cost of in-state tuition and fees for the first academic year* at Darton College.

CULTURAL INCENTIVE - Recipients will be selected to reflect the culturally diverse population at Darton College. Students must enroll full-time each semester and maintain a 2.25 GPA. Recipients must establish an active role in Darton College's Minority Advisement Program. The Cultural Incentive Scholarship covers one-half the cost of in-state tuition and fees each semester.

FOUNDATION HALF-FEE SCHOLARSHIPS - These scholarships are available to students who display academic promise. The scholarship covers one-half of the cost of in-state tuition and fees each semester. A student must maintain a semester grade point average of 2.5 or better to be eligible to apply for renewal each year.

DARTON COLLEGE ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS - These scholarships are available to cover from one-half to full tuition based on the recommendation of the appropriate coach and the approval of the Athletic Director.

FOUNDATION NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS - This scholarship is awarded annually to area students who have been accepted into the nursing major. This scholarship is designed to cover the full cost of in-state tuition for up to five semesters. Recipients must maintain a 2.50 GPA and remain in good standing within the program. Renewal is subject to the approval of the Nursing Division Chair.

DARTON COLLEGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Recipients are sophomores who exhibit outstanding academic potential. This scholarship is in memory of Owen B. Murphy, A. Doy Beck, McKellar Townes and Henry O. Adams. The maximum award is \$700.00 for two semesters per student.

CHARLES DEAN AND MARIANNE TURNIPSEED CHITTY SCHOLARSHIP - Recipients must be enrolled in a transfer program or in the Nursing program. Monies are awarded annually to cover the cost of in-state tuition and fees and are renewable for up to two years provided the student maintains a 3.0 or better GPA.

*For scholarship purposes, an academic year consists of a fall, spring, and summer semester sequence. However, recipients **must** confirm that they are still eligible and notify the Office of Administrative Services in writing near the end of each semester their desire to continue their scholarship. Recipients planning to attend the summer term must submit a Renewal Application by March 15th prior to that term.
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GRACE EMOND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 is awarded to a full-time Darton student who works on a College or student publication. This scholarship will be subject to renewal each fall and spring semester based on the recommendation of the publication advisor.

MADGE HOLM MEMORIAL HUMAN SERVICES TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP - This in-state half-tuition scholarship is awarded to a student accepted into the Human Services Technology program. The recipient cannot be receiving any other type of financial assistance and must maintain a 2.0 GPA to remain eligible for up to two years of support. Selection for this scholarship and annual renewal are determined by the Human Services Technology faculty.

CLIFFORD BOWLING SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship is awarded annually to a rising sophomore who has declared pre-veterinary as their major. In the case that a pre-vet major is not available, a science major is considered. This scholarship provides \$1,000.00 for one academic year. Selection for this scholarship is determined by the Math/Science faculty

DR. JERRY A. WALTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship is in the amount of \$500.00, and is given annually to a student who has declared a major in teacher education. The recipient must have no less than a 3.0 GPA, be classified as a sophomore, and must be involved in extra-curricular activities. Nominations are made by the Darton faculty. A committee of Social Science faculty selects the recipient.

CHARLES T. OXFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – This scholarship is awarded to four area students each year in memory of the Founder of Oxford Construction Company. It pays \$425.00 per semester for each of four full-time students taking 12 or more credit hours. Each recipient must maintain a semester grade point average of 2.5 or better to be eligible to apply for renewal each year.

ELMER H. "MOE" BRIDGES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship is presented in the fall to an outstanding full-time student majoring in an Allied Health Program at Darton College. Because of Mr. Bridges' commitment to making sure that quality healthcare was available to all of Southwest Georgia, it is most appropriate that this memorial scholarship encourages young people to work in a health-related field. The scholarship provides \$1,500.00 per semester for an associate degree program in Allied Health for up to a two-year period. Applicants must present a 950 or higher SAT score / 20 or higher ACT score, and must have a 2.8 or higher GPA for high school and any previous college work. Applicants must also submit a typed, double-spaced essay describing their reasons for choosing a career in healthcare and limit it to two pages. A student must maintain a semester grade point average of 2.5 or better to be eligible to apply for renewal for the second year.

FOUNDATION ART SCHOLARSHIPS - These scholarships are awarded annually to winners of the art competitions during Fairly Renaissance. Entrants are limited to qualified high school students planning to major in art at Darton College. The recipient of this scholarship is nominated by the Darton College art faculty. This scholarship covers one-half the cost of in-state tuition and fees for the first academic year*, and the recipient must maintain a 2.25 GPA.

FOUNDATION MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS - The Music Scholarship is awarded each year to winners of the Spring Music Competition. Entrants are limited to qualified high school students planning to major in music at Darton College. The recipient of this scholarship is nominated by the Darton College music faculty. This scholarship covers one-half the cost of in-state tuition and fees for the first academic year*, and the recipient must maintain a 2.25 GPA.

FOUNDATION LITERARY SCHOLARSHIPS - Winners of the annual writing competition sponsored by *Fairly Graphic* are awarded this scholarship. Entrants are limited to qualified high school students planning to attend Darton College. This scholarship covers one-half the cost of in-state tuition and fees for the first academic year*, and the recipient must maintain a 2.25 GPA.

FOUNDATION THEATRE SCHOLARSHIPS - This scholarship is awarded annually to talented theatre majors. Entrants are limited to qualified high school students planning to major in theatre at Darton College. The recipients of this scholarship are nominated by Darton College theatre professors. This scholarship covers one-half the cost of in-state tuition and fees for the first academic year.* Recipients must maintain a 2.0 GPA to remain eligible.

WINE AND SPIRITS WHOLESALERS OF GEORGIA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS - This scholarship is awarded to a Georgia resident enrolled on a full-time basis in an undergraduate course of study. It covers the full in-state tuition and fees for one academic year*. The recipient is selected from nominations by the faculty/staff.

H. GORDON DAVIS NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP – This scholarship is awarded in the fall to two graduates of Worth County High School who plan to major in Nursing or Allied Health. The two scholarships are in the amount of \$500.00 each for the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Students receiving this award must be full-time and must maintain a 2.5 GPA. Selection for this scholarship is by application and committee vote.

MOULTON FAMILY TRUST SCHOLARSHIP – This scholarship is awarded annually to two students who display academic promise and can document financial need. The two scholarships are in the amount of \$650.00 each for the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Students receiving this award must be full-time and must maintain a 2.5 GPA.

LINKS, INC. FOREIGN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP – This scholarship is awarded every other year in the fall to one full-time international student, preferably from a third world country. Monies are awarded annually to cover the expenses. Students must be enrolled full-time each semester and maintain a 2.5 GPA to remain eligible for renewal for a second year.

B.C. AND HENRI GARDNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - The Gardner scholarships are awarded in the spring to two area high school graduates who demonstrate outstanding academic potential and are enrolled full-time. The awards are in the amount of \$825.00 each for the fall, spring, and summer semesters to cover the cost of tuition, fees, and books. Students must be enrolled full-time each semester and maintain a semester average of 2.5 or better to remain eligible to apply for renewal each year.

M & M MARS NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP – The M & M Mars Scholarship provides non-traditional business/technology majors with financial assistance to encourage educational endeavors. This scholarship is awarded to two full-time students for the fall, spring, and a summer semesters. The award is in the amount of \$575.00 for each of the two students per semester. Students receiving this award must be enrolled full-time and must maintain a 2.5 GPA or better to be eligible to apply for renewal each year.

CHARLES M. JONES, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP For The Visual and Performing Arts – This scholarship is named in memory of Charles M. Jones, Jr., longtime trustee and friend of Darton College. Because of Mr. Jones' love of the arts, it is most appropriate that this memorial scholarship encourages young people to pursue a degree in the arts. Special consideration will be given to students majoring in the visual and performing arts. The full tuition scholarship is awarded in the fall to a full-time student who has declared a major in the arts. The recipient must have a 950 or higher SAT score/20 or higher ACT score, and must have a 3.0 GPA for high school and any previous college work. Applications must submit an essay, limited to two pages, which describes their reasons for majoring in the arts. A student must maintain a semester grade point average of 2.5 or better to be eligible to apply for renewal for the second year. Recipients are expected to play an active role in extracurricular activities at Darton College, to include performing/assisting in school plays, music performances, etc. In addition, 10 hours of volunteer service at Darton College per semester will be required. Recipients will be chosen by a committee of faculty members and trustees of the Darton College Foundation, Inc.

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP - The Darton College Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship is awarded to support students seeking to strengthen their education with an international experience. Recipients are chosen on the basis of financial need, a written essay, and commitment to serve the College by sharing their experiences with the Student body and the community. A minimum 2.0 GPA is required.



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