The Sidney L. McDonald Presidential Scholarship

The Sidney L. McDonald Presidential Scholarship is awarded to a student who resides in the geographic area served by Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company, with preference to applicants who major in business, science, or engineering, and demonstrate financial need.

The scholarship was established in 2000 in honor of the Honorable Sidney L. McDonald, who achieved great stature as a leader in business, public service, and education in Alabama. His service includes serving as president of Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company, founder of DeltaCom Long Distance Services, member of the Alabama Legislature, chairman of the Alabama Alliance of Business and Industry, and president-pro-tempore of the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama System.

This scholarship is renewable for up to three additional years. The student must maintain a full-time course load (12 credit hours) each semester. In addition, recipients must complete a total of 24 credit hours each academic year and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Students should submit a scholarship application every year in order to update their files and possibly be eligible for other awards.