The Roy J. Nichols Scholarship

The Roy J. Nichols Scholarship is awarded to a full-time Engineering or Physics major with preference given to applicants who are graduates of Alabama high schools. The award is based on academic merit and demonstrated financial need.

The Roy J. Nichols Scholarship was established in 2002 in honor of Roy J. Nichols, who served the community as a business and civic leader. Mr. Nichols, together with a friend, founded the Nichols Research Corporation, a research and development business, which grew to employ over 3000 people. Mr. Nichols became an active community supporter, serving as chairman of the Alabama Space Science Exhibit Commission, Botanical Gardens, United Way, and ADPA and on the board of directors for many other organizations including the UAH Foundation. He received the Medaris Award for outstanding contribution to the nation’s defense and the National Space Club’s Community Service Award in recognition of his outstanding support of the Huntsville Community.

This scholarship is renewable for up to three additional years. The student must maintain a full-time course load (undergraduate - 12 credit hours, or graduate - 9 credit hours) each semester. In addition, recipients must complete a total of 24 credit hours (graduate - 18 credit hours) each academic year, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and must submit a scholarship application by the priority deadline each year, to be eligible for renewal of this award.