

The Gerry Higgins Scholarship for Excellence

The Gerry Higgins Scholarship for Excellence is awarded to a student enrolled in the College of Science (specifically Computer Science) and is based on leadership potential, participation in community and professional activities, and accomplishments. The recipient must be a U.S. Citizen, a resident of Alabama, and have a 3.2 grade point average.

The scholarship was established in 1994 by his family and friends in loving memory of Mr. Higgins. He earned his master's degree in Computer Science in 1989 from UAH. His many accomplishments included working as a NASA aerospace engineer, serving as a volunteer student mentor, earning a black belt in Judo, achieving excellence as a musician, successfully establishing a small business, and learning to become an avid reader, water skier, snow skier, and chess player. Mr. Higgins achieved all of this even though he was blind. He never allowed any obstacle to steer him away from his goals.

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 each academic year, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and must submit a scholarship application by the priority deadline each year, providing continued evidence of leadership potential, to be eligible for renewal of this award.
