



C. VALENTINE BATES

C. Valentine Bates was a remarkable visionary who recognized the value in helping students receive financial assistance who were not in the upper tier of scholastic ability. Bates felt these students had an even greater need for education and training to get them started on a pathway to a successful career.

As a leader, Bates served the Order of Elks as its National President in 1998-1999. He passed in 2019. The C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship is so named in his honor.

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HOPE



SCHOLARSHIP

Inspiring the pursuit of knowledge

Our Mission

The mission of the Florida State Elks Association C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship is to provide financial support for the educational needs of Florida high school seniors without which they would not be able to achieve their educational goals.

Students Targeted

This scholarship targets students who have maintained an un-weighted GPA of 2.30 to 3.59. Students with an un-weighted GPA above 3.59 cannot apply. We are looking for students who have demonstrated leadership through participation in school activities, community service, and citizenship. Special consideration is given to those students who have shouldered extra responsibility such as working throughout their high school career to help provide support for siblings or family.

Program Eligibility Overview

- 1 Be a student in graduating class of high school or its related equivalent
- 2 Seniors graduating at semester (December) must apply during application year before they graduate
- 3 Must be a resident of the state of Florida
- 4 Must be a United States citizen
- 5 Applicants for law enforcement, fire or corrections academy must apply within 5 years of high school graduation

THE SCHOLARSHIP is presented with the understanding that the recipient will enroll in an undergraduate program of study at an accredited American college or university, a junior college, an accredited vocational or technical training program, or a first responders academy.

There is no restriction for the use of the scholarship. It may be utilized for tuition, books, lab fees, tutoring, room & board, transportation, food, uniforms, etc.

AWARDS AND AMOUNTS

Annually, the Florida State Elks Association (FSEA) will offer scholarships to deserving graduating senior applicants, in amounts ranging from \$3,000 to \$20,000 per recipient.

