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2026 Application Packet Landis M. Stetler ESE Leadership Scholarship

TO: ESE and Student Services Administrators,
Colleges and Universities

FROM: Sonia Figaredo-Alberts, Member at Large of Florida
CASE Barbara Johns, President of Florida CASE

The Florida Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Inc., a Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) has established a scholarship program to award financial scholarships in the name of Dr. Landis Stetler, a pioneer and great leader in exceptional student education (ESE) in the state of Florida and the nation. Recipients may apply to continue the scholarship in subsequent years while completing their degree program based on submitting the required renewal application.

Criteria: The successful applicant must meet all of the following criteria, as determined by the selection committee:

1. Be a Florida resident and currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program leading to certification in ESE and or major in exceptional student education including ESE Related personnel such SLP, OT, PT and Paraprofessionals who are seeking an ESE Teaching degree (a focus on administration of exceptional student education will be given special consideration)
2. Sign an affidavit that the applicant intends to teach or work in a school district in ESE in the state of Florida.
3. Provide two letters of recommendation, with one from the university or college major professor.
4. Complete the attached application form. A major part of the application is the narrative including the reason the applicant believes he/she would benefit as a recipient of the scholarship.

Procedures for application: The application is attached to this email and shall be submitted to Sonia Figaredo-Alberts at soniaalbts@aol.com along with two letters of recommendation. Deadline for submission is close of business **Friday, March 6, 2026.**

Procedures for review and selection: The President of Florida CASE will appoint a committee of FLCASE Board of Directors. Applications will be reviewed and scored by the committee either in person, via mail, or electronically, and the score sheets will be sent to the designated Board member.

Amount of award: Florida CASE determines the number and amounts of scholarship awards annually.

Note: For 2026 it has been determined that two (2) scholarships will be awarded for \$3000.00 each for an undergraduate and/or graduate student in exceptional student education.

****Scholarship funds will be provided to the recipient when an expenditure receipt has been received that reflects monies spent to support their educational endeavor. Email receipts to Cathy Dofka, Treasurer at 33basketcase@gmail.com ****

Thank you for your consideration,

Barbara Johns

President, Florida CASE