



Dowdy Scholars
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Lewis and Elizabeth Dowdy Scholars Program

North Carolina A&T State University established the Lewis and Elizabeth Dowdy Scholars program in the fall of 2008 and has continued its effort to produce some of NC. A&T's most highly accredited students. The program awards a preeminent scholarship to entering freshmen who have shown excellence in academics and scholarly leadership during their high school matriculation. In its initial stage, this unique scholarship was offered based solely on grade point average and test scores and has since become a highly competitive program where a select group is awarded based upon a committee review. The prestigious scholarship celebrates two phenomenal educators, the late Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, the sixth president of North Carolina A&T College and the first chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University and his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Dowdy. They served the University for 21 years, which includes the tumultuous 1960s and 1970s.

Donor Biography



The late Lewis C. Dowdy was inaugurated on April 10, 1964 as the college's sixth president and reappointed chancellor in July 1972, thus making him the first chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University. A native of Eastover, South Carolina, Dr. Dowdy graduated cum laude from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina, earned a master's degree from Indiana State College and a doctorate

of education degree from Indiana University. In 1951, he joined the N.C. A&T family as an instructor of education and director of student teaching.

Prior to becoming president, Dr. Dowdy served as an assistant professor of education, dean of instruction and acting president in the absence of President Samuel Proctor. Under Dr. Dowdy's leadership, the university experienced its greatest period of growth with many of its schools achieving national recognition and accreditation. He reorganized instruction, creating the schools of Education, Business and Economics and the College

of Arts and Sciences. Not only was there an expansion of four academic buildings, new gymnasium, new football stadium but other service buildings were realized under him. Dr. Dowdy led the university through the tumultuous 1960s and 1970s and accomplished all this with his beautiful wife, by his side.

Dr. and Mrs. Dowdy were joined in marriage on June 26, 1943 in her native Terre Haute, Indiana. She entered Indiana State University at the age of 15, graduating at the age of 19, she traveled to Goldsboro, NC for her first teaching position. Mrs. Dowdy also earned both her master's and

doctorate degrees. A great educator in her own right, she gave a total of 37 years between North Carolina and South Carolina. Mrs. Dowdy appreciated and treasured her roots and heritage. She served the university community, university visitors and the community-at-large with a genuine concern for others. Fervently supporting her husband and his efforts, she was a mainstay and dedicated supporter of the university. After serving the university for more than 21 years, Dr. Dowdy resigned his position as chancellor on October 31, 1980. The administration building was named for him on May 1, 1981.

FRESHMAN YEAR:

Focus & Learn

Focus: In your freshman year you will meet other Dowdy Scholars who will help you understand what it means to be a Scholar. You will be exposed to leadership activities designed to assist you in maximizing your academic focus. You will meet other members of the A&T community that will help you create a solid network from which you will be able to grow and rapidly position yourself for achieving excellence.

Fall Semester Activities/Events

- Dowdy Scholar Orientation
- TeamQUEST
- Personality Assessment
- Academic and Professional Planning
- Alumni Presentation
- Formal Speaker Presentation
- Mentor Meetings

Spring Semester Activities/Events

- Service Project
- Summer Prep Activities
- Scholarship and Fellowship Advising
- Education Abroad Presentation
- Emerging Leaders Workshop
- Alumni Presentation
- Formal Speaker Presentation
- Chancellor's Dinner

SOPHOMORE YEAR:

Grow

In your sophomore year you will build upon the work of your freshman year expanding it under the guidance of faculty and program mentors to develop and secure the Dowdy Core: students engaged in academics, leadership, and service—an example for all A&T students. You will be branching out and becoming involved in a variety of events and representing the best of A&T at university programming.

Fall Semester Activities/Events

- Review of Academic Plan
- Career Services Workshop
- Writing Workshop
- Identify Research
- Alumni Presentation
- Formal Speaker Presentation

Spring Semester Activities/Events

- Center for Creative Leadership Program
- Research/Creative Presentation
- Toastmasters/Public Speaking Prep
- Elect Junior Year Leadership Council
- Alumni Presentation
- Formal Speaker Presentation
- Chancellor's Dinner

Some activities are subject to change

JUNIOR YEAR:

Lead & Reflect

As a junior this is where all the work and preparation of the first two years come to fruition. This is your opportunity to mentor and lead programming for incoming Dowdy students, helping to choose and identify speakers and community service projects. While providing leadership you also will be guided towards the achievement of your individual undergraduate goals. In deciding on what scholarships and fellowships to apply for, you will have the chance to engage and interact with mentors. The Dowdy Scholars program support staff will aid in these activities providing feedback on writing, interviews, and strategy.

Fall Semester Activities/Events

- Recruitment Events
- Institute for Public Trust Series
- Mock Interviews/ Interview Prep
- Study Abroad Experience
- TRIO Tutoring
- Alumni Presentation
- Formal Speaker Presentation
- Planning/ Direction for Incoming Scholars

Spring Semester Activities/Events

- Lead Freshman Service Project
- Closing Bell Speaker Series
- Scholarships/Fellowships Applications
- Study Abroad Experience
- Junior Mentors/ Leadership
- TRIO Tutoring
- Alumni Presentation
- Formal Speaker Presentation
- Chancellor's Dinner

SENIOR YEAR:

Go!

As you enter into your senior year this will be the time that scholarship and fellowship offers begin to roll in. You will now be in a position to dictate your post-baccalaureate life. In preparation for graduation support staff and faculty mentors will guide you as you prepare for graduate school, employment and giving back to the Dowdy Scholars Program.

Fall Semester Activities/Events

- Recruitment Events
- Institute for Public Trust Series
- Grad/Prof School Application Prep
- Alumni Speaker Presentation
- Formal Speaker Presentation

Spring Semester Activities/Events

- Dowdy Experience Panel Discussion
- Chancellor's Dinner

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants who meet the minimum requirements stipulated below are submitted to the Dowdy Scholars Committee for review. The committee is made up of various offices to include Honors Program, Center for Academic Excellence, and the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Criteria Requirements:

- Complete Lewis and Elizabeth Dowdy Scholarship Application
- Minimum 3.75 cumulative GPA (weighted)
- Minimum 1200 SAT (1270 redesigned SAT)
- One-page Personal Statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Deadline to submit January 1st

The Lewis C. Dowdy Scholarship program seeks to honor the legacy of the first chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University by promoting the values of superior education, exemplary leadership and outstanding public service. In one page typed and double spaced, please describe how you have demonstrated these principles in your school and/or surrounding community. Two letters of recommendation are also required from sources of academic and community services.

Award & Renewal Process

Those applicants selected as Dowdy Scholars will receive a 4-year renewable scholarship which includes tuition and related fees, room and board (standard double occupancy).

Current academic requirements to renew your Dowdy Scholarship each year:

- Earn a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA and 30 credit hours (Entering prior to Fall 2013 class)
- Earn a minimum 3.4 cumulative GPA and 30 credit hours (Entering Fall 2013 & Fall 2014 class)
- Earn a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA and 30 credit hours (Entering Fall 2015 class)

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Scholars are required to apply for and be an active member of the Honors Program as well as other student support services and programs (i.e., mentoring, workshops, lectures, etc).
- The scholarship is limited to a maximum of eight (8) undergraduate semesters at North Carolina A&T State University. This scholarship cannot be used to pay for summer school attendance.
- If scholars participate in a study abroad or co-op/internship experience they are required to earn 15 hours for the semester in residence. They must earn a passing (P) grade in the co-op/internship.
- Scholars must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year to be considered for and retain this scholarship.
- If scholars are the recipient of additional scholarships, grants (federal or state) and financial aid other than loans, this scholarship is subject to a reduction to ensure they are not over awarded as determined by the Office of Student Financial Aid.
- Students who are deficient in meeting these requirements will have a one-time opportunity to correct these deficiencies during summer school to regain Dowdy Scholars eligibility.

AGGIES FOCUS.
AGGIES LEARN.
AGGIES GROW.
AGGIES LEAD.
AGGIES REFLECT.
AGGIES DO!

A&T is a community of academic excellence and positive action. Our vision for tomorrow is inspired by a proud tradition of visionaries, thinkers and doers. We believe in what we will become because we believe in those who call themselves Aggies. You will find opportunity. You will push forward. You will succeed. Because that's what Aggies Do!

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