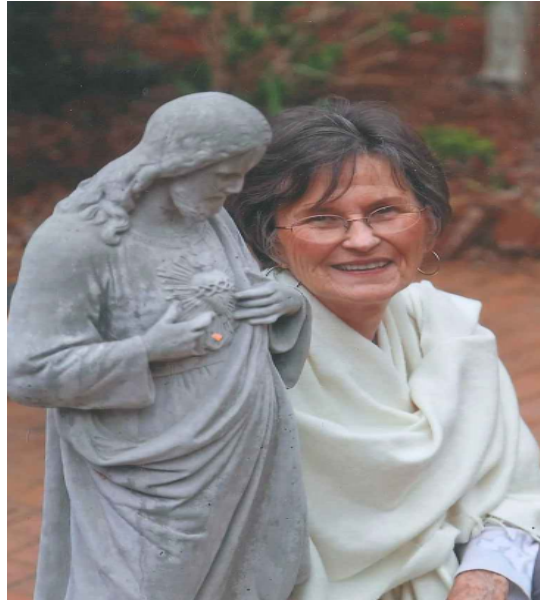


The June Baldwin Turnell Aspiring Teacher Grant



June, a native of Greenville, AL, received her BA in speech from Montevallo University ('54), her master's in education from Mississippi State University ('62), and her Education Specialist degree from the University of Georgia ('72).

Education was her passion, along with love of family and friends. She dedicated nearly half a century to teaching and administration in her chosen field. June was widely recognized for her contributions to education with several accolades, including "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." She had a profound effect on the children and staff in several academic positions: as speech therapist from 1954 to 1961, as an elementary classroom teacher at Gaines & Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary Schools from 1966 to 1977, and most notably from 1978 to 1992 when she was principal at Oglethorpe Avenue and Whitehead Road schools. Many times, former students approached June to tell her what her influence had meant to their lives. She was the consummate educator.

Following retirement, June continued in the education field teaching at the University of Georgia as an Adjunct Associate. She taught and evaluated student teachers in the departments of Social Science and Elementary Education. While there, she was awarded "Teacher of Excellence in the College of Education."

The June Baldwin Turnell Aspiring Teacher Grant was established in 2022 by Athens Area Service Club.

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The June Baldwin Turnell Certification grant is presented each year to a non-certified CCSD staff member seeking teaching certification. This grant is need-based, focused on helping a non-certified staff member teach in a Clarke County classroom. If offered a position, grant award winners are required to teach for Clarke County School district for two years or pay back the grant amount to the FFE. This grant is for either a current paraprofessional or other uncertified CCSD staff member and is for initial certification only.

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Qualifications: Eligible CCSD non-certified staff who are:

- Currently working for CCSD.
- Previous service to the school district will be considered.
- Must be used for current expenses—no previous repayment
- Must work in district for 2 years after award or repay
- For initial certification instead of advanced degrees.
- Awarded as needed instead of a grant cycle—when used up, can apply for next year.
- Must show receipts or proof of expenditure to be reimbursed
- Used within a year of award or returned...
- Have never previously received the June Baldwin Turnell Aspiring Teacher grant.

Term: This is a \$500 grant, awarded yearly

Past Winners:

2022

Tamara Johnson - Clarke Middle School
Jamie Carter - H.B. Stroud Elementary School

2023

Mark Reid - Gaines Elementary School
Kelsie Walker - Cedar Shoals High School

2024

Jessica Varsa - Cedar Shoals High School