

∞ The Mission of ∞ Social Work Program

The Mission of the TSU Social Work Program is to prepare students for entry level professional social work practice. This includes preparing graduates of the program primarily for an urban population, to promote of social and economic justice, to respond to diversity and oppression, and to serve populations-at-risk. Additionally, the program provides leadership and a reservoir of social work professionals for the region.

The Burton Scholarship promotes the mission and goals of the program by providing students with supplemental financial assistance as they pursue a Social Work baccalaureate degree.



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THE RODERIC BURTON



TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIP

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Dr. Roderic Burton

Dr. Roderic Burton was an extraordinary teacher and scholar and he served Tennessee State University in countless ways. Dr. Burton became a faculty member of Tennessee State University Department of Social Work in 1973. In 1982, he served as Acting Head of the Social Work & Sociology Department where he subsequently became Director of the Social Work Program in 1987. A native of Lebanon Tennessee, he also served as Co-director of the Center For Aging.

Known for his gerontological public service, Dr. Burton was on the Board of Directors for the Association for Gerontology and Human Development in Historically Black Colleges and Universities' National Caucus and Center on Black Aged. He is also on the Advisory Board of the Joseph Knowles Home for the Aged.

Dr. Burton is a member of the Southern Gerontological Society; Council on Social Work Education; National Association of Social Workers and Minority Representative for the Aging Council on Social Work Education.

Dr. Burton is the Director of Burton Consultant and Management Services and was the Chair of the Board of Directors for the United Way of Nashville.

The Roderic Burton Textbook Scholarship Criteria

Each year four students can receive financial assistance from the Burton Scholarship fund for textbooks.

In order for a student to receive any funds from the Roderic Burton Scholarship, they must meet the following criteria:

1. Complete an application.
2. Be majoring in Social Work.
3. Have a GPA of 2.3 or higher.
4. Present verification of need for assistance.
5. Submit a two-page typed essay of why they should receive this scholarship fund.

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**Students may receive the scholarship one time only. A maximum of (2) scholarships will be issued per semester. The scholarship money of \$250.00 will be available in the recipients account.

Please submit application and essay to program Advisor. All materials must be typed.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number: (Area Code) _____

Classification: _____

GPA: _____

Major: _____

Advisor: _____

Amount Needed: _____