

B. FRANK STRICKLAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship has been established at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in memory of the late B. Frank Strickland, Sr., a Lanier County farmer and a devoted advocate for tobacco farmers. The B. Frank Strickland Scholarship will be presented to an entering freshman or rising sophomore from a tobacco-producing county who plans to attend ABAC fall semester. A native of Lanier County, Strickland graduated from Lakeland High School and ABAC. After college, he returned home and took over the family farm at the age of 19. He raised his family on the 450-acre farm that had been in his family for over 100 years. The ABAC Alumni Association awarded Strickland the Master Farmer in 1975. His son, Ben F. Strickland, Jr., was named Master Farmer in 1996, making them the only father/son recipients of this award. “Mr. Frank,” as he was known throughout the state, served on the Georgia Farm Bureau Board of Directors for 27 years and served as vice president for 12 years. He also served on the Georgia Commodity Commission for Tobacco for 20 years and the Flue-cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation board for 18 years. He served the agricultural community well and represented tobacco with pride. His honesty, integrity and character set him apart. It is the purpose of this scholarship to honor the achievements of a great American for years to come in helping to further the education of students seeking a career in agriculture.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Entering freshmen applicants should have applied for admission at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Rising sophomores should be in good standing with the college.
2. The student must be a resident of a tobacco-producing county in the state of Georgia.
3. Preference will be given to a student majoring in some area of agriculture.
4. The recipient will be selected by a Scholarship Committee comprised of the President of the Georgia Farm Bureau, Chairman of the Georgia Tobacco Commission, and President of the Lanier County Farm Bureau, or their respective appointed designees.
5. The scholarship will be for one academic year and the recipient may apply for renewal, if the recipient maintains a satisfactory academic average and is in good standing with the College.
6. The scholarship will be paid at the beginning of fall semester by the ABAC Foundation.



Applications may be obtained from high school counselors in tobacco producing counties, by contacting the ABAC Foundation or by visiting the Georgia Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture website at www.gfbfoundation.org.

Completed applications should be returned no later than May 4 to: GFB Foundation for Agriculture; Attn: Lily Baucom, 1620 Bass Road, Macon, GA 31210