

# The William H. Magruder Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed by Mrs. Edna Magruder Kelsall in memory of her great grandfather, one of the first professors of English at Mississippi State University.

## **The Magruder Scholarship**

This scholarship provides \$1000.00 toward a student's tuition (\$500.00 per semester).

## **Who may apply:**

Applicants must be junior, senior, or graduate English majors in the next academic year. Communications majors are also eligible to apply and will be considered, though preference goes to English majors.

## **How to apply:**

To apply for the William H. Magruder Memorial Scholarship, please log into Banner and, under the Financial Aid and Scholarships column, click "Submit/Revise General Scholarship Application." Fill out the general application, and then apply for the Magruder Scholarship.

In addition to information required from all scholarship applicants, the system will ask you for two more things that are necessary to be considered for the Magruder Scholarship:

1. Two letters of recommendation. Ask two instructors whether they are willing to recommend you—recommendations from any instructors are welcome, but do consider asking instructors from English courses. Once you have their permission, put their names and email addresses in your application, and the system will send your instructors emails inviting them to submit their letters on-line. *The same instructors may recommend you for multiple scholarships.*
2. Professor William H. Magruder became the head of the English Department at Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, now Mississippi State University, in 1884, and he remained in that position for nearly thirty years.

There are just a few commemorative documents from which we can learn about Dr. Magruder, including one that he composed himself. Please read these documents, which are held by MSU Library's Special Collections, and which you will find in a single PDF called "Magruder Documents" on the English Department website by looking under the heading "English," then "Scholarships," then "Magruder Scholarship." As you read, note who wrote each document, for what occasion, and in what year. Choose any two of the five documents and write an essay of approximately 500 words analyzing what we can learn about the values of those who wrote them by what they wanted their readers to remember most.

Be sure to quote from the two documents and cite them correctly. You are not required to use any other sources, but you are allowed to do so (if you do, be sure to cite them correctly, too).

## **If you have questions:**

Please feel free to contact Dr. Kelly Marsh at [kmarsh@english.msstate.edu](mailto:kmarsh@english.msstate.edu) if you have any questions about applying for the Magruder Scholarship.