

# The Melanie Deffendall College Textbook Scholarship



*AAUW Greater New Orleans Branch*

The Melanie Deffendall College Textbook Scholarship is offered to female students to help with the high cost of college textbooks.

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**\$500**

#### **APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY:**

- Must be a current female Delgado student
- Must have GPA 2.0 or higher

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Must meet eligibility requirements
- Must submit a 500 word essay
- Must submit a copy of transcript (high school or college)
- Must commit to meet the donors of the scholarship and be formally presented with scholarship if selected

**Submit application at [tinyurl.com/2budfb6p](https://tinyurl.com/2budfb6p)**  
**Application Deadline: Friday, August 27, 2021 at 6 p.m.**  
**Winner will be announced September 1, 2021!**

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Melanie Deffendall was a Professor of Sociology and College and Career Success Skills. She was the founder and director of the Irma Thomas Center for WISE Women at Delgado. Deffendall's career at Delgado began in September 1996. Over the years, she influenced the lives of many Delgado students, especially first-generation students. After the Hurricane Katrina disaster, she worked to help restore the College and bring students back. In 2003, she established the Irma Thomas Center for WISE Women as a safe haven. WISE is an acronym for "Women in Search of Excellence." The center empowers women to help fulfill their academic, personal, and professional potential. Its namesake, Irma Thomas, is known to generations of New Orleans residents as a cultural icon, and as a role model for working women seeking to improve their lives through education and career opportunity. Deffendall's work in support of students and social justice earned her the admiration and respect of her colleagues and the entire Delgado community. She was honored with the Seymour Weiss Excellence in Teaching Award in 2017. Melanie Deffendall passed away in April 2020 of complications from COVID-19.

