



**VIRGIL TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
IN HUMAN RESOURCES COUNSELING,
concentration Rehabilitation/ Services to Deaf**
Established September 2009



The Virgil Taylor scholarship was created to honor his 33 years of service to individuals with disabilities. The Oklahoma Rehabilitation Association, Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council, friends, and associates of Virgil Taylor established the scholarship to aid undergraduate students at ECU who are pursuing a career in rehabilitation.

Mr. Taylor was a 1970 graduate of East Central University, and continued his education at Oklahoma State University in rehabilitation counseling in 1975. He was employed by the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services in several capacities, including counselor, supervisor, and field coordinator. He was a rare individual who earned lifetime achievement awards with both the Division of Visual Services and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Mr. Taylor embraced the rehabilitation philosophy and dedicated his life to helping people with disabilities. He was a true friend of East Central University, serving on both the graduate and undergraduate rehabilitation advisory boards, and as a mentor to countless students and counselors.

Eligible Applicants: Undergraduate students majoring in Human Services Counseling, concentration Rehabilitation or Services to the Deaf, have senior status, and a minimum 3.00 grade point average in their major.

Application Process: Students must complete the application form and submit a minimum of a one page essay indicating why he/she has a desire to work in the field of Rehabilitation and individuals with disabilities.

Selection Committee will be comprised of representatives of the Oklahoma Rehabilitation Association, Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council, and a faculty member from the Human Services Counseling, concentration in Rehabilitation and Services to the Deaf program.

