The Henderson Family Graduate Fellowship for Florida Teachers was created to support Florida public school teachers who are pursuing a Master’s or Specialist degree. The fellowship will defray the costs of tuition and fees for up to two semesters in an academic year (summer, fall, or spring). Students will be considered for support if they meet the following criteria:

- Currently employed as a full-time teacher in Florida
- Three years of professional full-time teaching experience
- The fellowship is awarded to graduate students who are enrolled or accepted at either the FSU Campus in Tallahassee, or Panama City, Florida campus, and pursuing a Master’s degree in the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Social Sciences or Education. The degree is further defined as an M.A., M.S., or Master’s in Education or a Specialist degree, within a Humanities field defined as Economics, History, Classics, English, Geography, Government, Political Science, Reading and Modern Languages, Literature or general Humanities program.
- No one individual may receive the fellowship for more than two (2) semesters in an academic year (summer, fall, or spring). Preference shall be given to, but not limited to, students enrolled in the summer semester, and applicants who have not previously received the Henderson Family Graduate Fellowship for Florida Teachers. Additionally, preference shall be given to, but not limited to, applicants who have no additional fellowship support.

Note: Undergraduate degrees do not necessarily need to represent the above mentioned programs.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

A complete application package must include the following materials:

- Cover letter from the applicant addressing how this fellowship will impact progress towards degree
- Application form
- Transcripts (can be copies)
- GRE scores (can be a copy)
- Two letters of recommendation:
  - One letter must be from the applicant’s current county administrator or school principal
  - Second letter must be from a colleague, individual or professor who can attest to the applicant’s teaching competence and creativity.

Currently enrolled FSU students:

- The second letter must be from the student’s major advisor/professor and also address the student’s progress in the degree program.

Materials should be stapled together and submitted by February 13, 2011, (only completed applications will be reviewed) to Becky Culp, The Graduate School, 408 Westcott, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-1410.