



Application Deadline - May 30th

**Gordon Russell Scholarship at Dixie State College
In Honor of
Shea'ton Russell**

A. One Semester Scholarship

1. Scholarship may be renewed for an additional semester if the applicant is fulfilling or exceeding the restrictions listed below.
2. Applicant must submit a new application for the next academic year.
3. Scholarship may be used for tuition, fees, or books, not to exceed \$1300 per semester.

B. Relatives of Gordon Russell or Shea'ton Russell are Eligible to apply.

C. Scholarship Award Restrictions to Applicant, Checklist:

- Must be a resident of Utah and enrolled at Dixie State University.
- Must not be receiving any other Scholarships awarded by Dixie State University.
- Must maintain a grade point average (GPA) between 2.0 and 3.75.
- Must commit to be a full-time student (12 or more credit hours per semester).
- Must declare a major, and submit a 2 year plan for education.
- Must be currently enrolled in, or completed, math classes through Pre-Calculus.
- Must submit a service project plan to the scholarship committee for approval.
- Must show a willingness to overcome challenges.
- Should try to give back to the scholarship program when able.

D. The selection committee will consist of three to five adults, with the following criteria.

1. Gordon Russell and/or immediate family member.
2. Shea'ton Russell and/or immediate family member.
3. At least one member from the DSC Counseling Center.
4. In the event, any of the above are no longer able to serve, the committee will consist of at least one from the following:
 - a. Developmental Department faculty member
 - b. Mathematics Department faculty member
 - c. Staff member from the Counseling Center
 - d. DSC Administrator
 - e. Family member as listed above (section D, 1 or 2)

**GORDON RUSSELL SCHOLARSHIP
IN HONOR OF
SHEA'TON RUSSELL**

Before Completing This Application, Please Read the Restrictions listed above

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

DSU Student ID # _____ (mandatory) Date of Birth: _____

Email address: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternate/Cell Phone Number: _____

Year in College: Freshman: ___ Sophomore: ___ Junior: ___ Senior: ___ Cumulative GPA: _____

Declared Major: _____ Bachelors Program: ___ Associate Degree: ___ Certificate: ___

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Are you a legal resident of Utah? Yes ___ No ___ State of Legal Residence _____

Are you receiving Pell Grant funds or Scholarships through Dixie State College? Yes ___ No ___

Are you the dependant of a DSC Employee? Yes ___ No ___ Employee's Name _____

Are you receiving tuition assistance from Rehab, JTPA or any other State Agency? Yes ___ No ___

Name of agency: _____ Contact person: _____

Are you a single parent? Yes ___ No ___ Ages of Dependent Children _____

What are your educational plans for the next two years?

What have you done to show you have overcome challenges?

Giving back by way of service is very important. If selected for this scholarship, you may be asked to submit a service project plan for the selections committee’s approval. What are your plans for a service project?

Print the entire application (all 5 pages) and complete the required questions. Make sure to read and sign page 5 indicating that you understand the purpose of this scholarship and the commitment to success that goes along with being a Russell Scholar.

Socrates introduces a thought on the notion of learning. He questions whether one can ever learn what he does not know. Socrates implies either a person knows what he is searching for, in which case he does not need to look, or he does not know what he is searching for, in which case he would not recognize it if he found it.

The quest of this scholarship is to insure that one recognizes opportunity when it presents itself.

A scholarship opportunity has been granted to you by Gordon A. Russell in honor of a former student, Shea'ton Russell. Mr. Russell, an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Dixie State College of Utah, has long been an advocate for education, but more importantly he has been a driving force for helping students to become the best they can be.

In an effort to enhance your life through education, he is opening doors for you that may have otherwise been closed. The process of choosing the guidelines for this particular scholarship is to try to allow for a well-balanced life and cement the "Get by Giving" philosophy. This scholarship is intended to look at the applicant for more than a life's situation, income, or grade point averages. In Gordon Russell's eyes, a student only concerned with grades is a fraction. You ask, "How can a whole number equate to a fraction"? The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. The parts of being whole are comprised of not only excelling in education, but recognizing there are many other aspects in life that can be enhanced by attaining an education.

The reason he has chosen to honor Shea'ton Russell for this scholarship is because she epitomizes the concept he wants students to understand. She is honest, hard working, accepts responsibility for her own actions, determined, cares about others, gives back to the community, and maintains a positive attitude toward life in spite of many setbacks she has experienced. She did not graduate from high school, left home at an early age, survived cancer, and left an abusive marriage with her two children to finally try to settle down.

She entered Dixie State College of Utah with aspirations of graduating to make a better life for herself and children. She has accomplished that and more, graduating from Dixie State College with an Associate's Degree and from Southern Utah University with a Bachelor's Degree. She is now married and employed, providing a good life for her family.

Shea'ton interjects her feelings about her experience with Gordon, college, events, and people that changed her life toward a happier, brighter future.

I must give special recognition to Gordon A. Russell, an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Dixie State College of Utah. He touched my life and education by providing the fuel that ignited the passion for learning and understanding, not just in the realm of mathematics, but in the world around me. He gave me the power to succeed: not on Dixie State terms, but on life's terms.

He never artificially planted knowledge. The gift he gave to me was the ability to think through any given situation. He taught me how to think for myself. He instilled in me the nature of asking questions. He taught me to explore the world in all of its possibilities and not accept just anyone's answer. He taught me to wonder why or how something is the way it is. He taught me these skills to broaden my mind and open the door to the other countless possibilities that exist if one is allowed to think for oneself. The lesson of broadening one's mind is very important in life because this lesson allows one to think freely without prejudice, which has a way of interfering with creativity and open thoughts.

Mr. Russell took time out of his day to help my life be better. I could never thank him enough or find enough compensation to ever repay him for what he did to change my life. I believe that when one touches another life in a positive way and that person touches another and that person another, eventually it can change the world.

I ran into obstacles that nearly wiped my dreams away. I was an abused child, a thirteen year old runaway, a homeless person, a school dropout, a mother at eighteen, a cancer survivor, and a confused person.

However, I was still a good person inside which allowed me to make the best choices out of the choices that I had available to me at the time. I always tried to do something positive with my life. I knew education was the only way I could change my life in a better way.

I enrolled in a mail-order high school to receive my diploma. The diploma opened doors for me that paved the way for others to touch my life in positive ways. I would like to recognize a few of those people to let you know that it takes many others to help guide a person through life. Peggy Leavitt helped me enroll in college which set the wheels into motion, Laurie Sullivan in the counselors office helped me to understand the college process, Candace Mesa, an Assistant Professor of English, helped me understand proper ways to write and express myself. Not only did she help me at Dixie State College while I earned an Associate's Degree she also helped as I moved onto Southern Utah University to earn my Bachelor's of Science Degree. Many others helped me on this journey that changed my life. THANKS to ALL of YOU!

When Mr. Russell came to me and told me about this scholarship, we thought of all the students who slip through the cracks of education. We thought that it should be a scholarship attainable by someone who does not qualify for other programs because of grades or parent income. One of the conditions of this scholarship is to give back to others, either through service to the community or help monetarily to make this scholarship grow. Often times the people who provide a turning point in another's life do not know they have had any impact in changing the future. These people do what they do everyday without a second thought. They are themselves at all times giving, without thought of reimbursement from those they have unknowingly touched. This is what we want you to become. We want you to change the world one thought, one action, one idea at a time.

This is your shot! Mr. Russell is offering you a life-changing opportunity. Follow his philosophy on life; give back more than you receive.

Respectfully,
Shea'ton Russell (no relation to Mr. Russell)
Graduate of Dixie State College of Utah and Southern Utah University
Member of Alpha Chi Honor Society and Psi Chi Honor Society

**As an old Indian proverb states,
"When the student is ready to learn, the teacher will appear."**

I have read the instructions and certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I promise that if I attend Dixie State University, I will abide by the academic, scholastic and social standards of the college.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Mail completed application to:

**Dixie State University
Attn: Scholarship Office
225 South University Ave
St George, UT 84770**