

## **B.F. Smith**

*A former chief executive officer of Delta Council from 1947 until his retirement in 1983, he was widely respected for his role as a tireless advocate for the Mississippi Delta. He became known as the "Father of Economic Development" and worked to insure the region's needs were addressed on the local, statewide, and national levels. His influence and leadership still have a dramatic impact on growth and opportunities experienced today in this region.*

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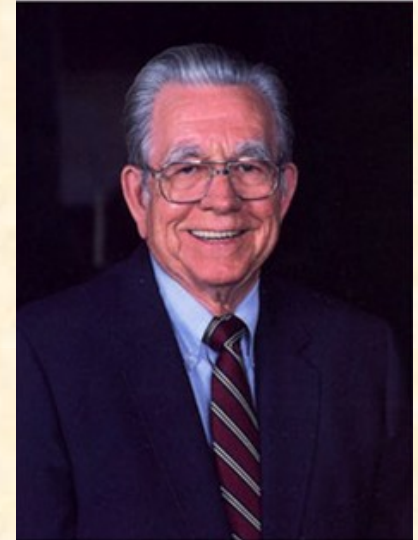
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**B.F. Smith Scholars Program**

**Financial Assistantships of \$5,000 per Semester**

## What is the B.F. Smith Scholars Program?

The B.F. Smith Scholars Program consists of graduate assistantships for student and provides support for faculty and students pursuing special coursework, seminars, lectures, travel, research in the field of business development and internships related to economic development and public service. The graduate assistantships may be awarded to students with a record of academic achievement and commitment to the region for pursuit of a degree related to the field of economic development such as finance, marketing, economics, political science, sociology, or public administration.

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### Who can Apply?

This scholarship competition is open to all students who demonstrate a commitment to the development of the Delta Region.



### Admission Requirements

The candidate must have an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university in a discipline related to the field of economic development such as education, finance, marketing, economics, political science, sociology, or public administration with a minimum overall undergraduate G.P.A. of 3.25.

\*In addition, the recipient cannot be employed full-time outside the University during this time period.



### Purposes and Expectations of the Program

The program is designed to increase the presence of community and economic development professionals in the Mississippi Delta Region. Participants in this program, in consultation with the program coordinator, will be expected to engage in real-world learning opportunity and will conduct a practicum or thesis with a community and economic development organization in the Delta region for the assistantship. Faculty and students will be provided support for professional development experiences such as special coursework, seminar, lectures, travel, and research in the areas of economic development. The program is designed to serve as a model for the development of community and economic initiatives.

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### Submissions:

Submit the following documents to the Graduate Studies Office by **July 1st** prior to beginning the Fall semester:

- Graduate School Application
- An official undergraduate transcript
- A cover letter outlining the applicants qualifications
- The name, title, address, and phone number of at least three references
- A written statement describing why the candidate wishes to become a B.F. Smith Scholar and how the program can lead to career success, preferably in the Mississippi Delta

Formal interviews with prospective students will be requested as needed. The Delta State University faculty and graduate committee will recommend the students to be awarded the B.F. Smith Scholarship.

The documents must be submitted to the following address:

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