



**Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE)  
Hosted by:  
Florida Association of Teacher Educators (FATE)**

**The David Watts Scholar Award Application**

The DAVID WATTS SCHOLARS are chosen annually by the state hosting the SRATE Conference. They are selected because of their potential to carry the torch that David left behind. The honor bestowed upon them carries recognition, privilege, opportunity and obligation.

The recognition comes from being selected as outstanding future educators by the host state. The privilege and opportunity come in the form of discourse and working with esteemed members of the education profession at the annual SRATE Conference. The obligation is fulfilled as these Scholars must attend and assist with the Conference as they strive to achieve professional and personal goals that reflect the challenges and accomplishments that characterized the life and career of David Watts. The Watts Scholars will receive the award and \$500.00 which is to be used to defray travel and room expenses.

Tribute David Watts was a "REAL" TEACHER and TEACHER EDUCATOR. It didn't happen all at once! David worked long and hard across many years to advantage the cause of quality teacher education. The respect accorded to David by the professional community was not ascribed; it was earned. David did not "break easily". When frustrations came, he did not quit, he doubled his efforts and worked harder. With courage he pushed and at times fought to make things better. He was never afraid to stand up for what he believed. David didn't have "sharp edges." He was easy to work with. He was gentle and kind and yet exerted strong leadership in the profession. He was never abrasive but always considerate. David did not have to be "carefully kept." He asked for little, and he gave much. Laughter was his constant companion. David's health failed quickly and a beautiful life ended prematurely, but David was a "REAL" teacher. The reality of who he was and what he stood for will remain a part of SRATE as we move into the future (from the Velveteen Rabbit).

For questions regarding the Watts Scholarships, contact Valerie Wright at [valerie.wright@saintleo.edu](mailto:valerie.wright@saintleo.edu) or 352-588-8906.



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**Part I: General Information**

Name of Watts Applicant:

School/Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Applicant's Email Address:

Certification sought (circle one): PreK-3, Elementary, Secondary K-12, Spec. Ed., Other

College/University Contact Person:

Title of Contact Person:

Email address of the College/University Contact Person:

**Part II: Nomination Narrative**

To the contact person making the nomination, please explain why you believe this teacher candidate meets the qualifications of the David Watts Scholarship. Provide a description (minimum of 300 words) below of 1) how you know the candidate personally and/or professionally, 2) his/her overall performance in the classroom, and 3) his/her overall performance in the field.

**Please email applications to Valerie Wright at [valerie.wright@saintleo.edu](mailto:valerie.wright@saintleo.edu) by Sept. 27, 2019**