Interesting Insights

J. Lester Miller spent his career with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and was a lifelong proponent of education. A native of Virginia, he attended George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. He began work as an emergency county agent in 1918 in Green, Taylor and Adair Counties in Kentucky. He later worked in Larue and Bracken Counties. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1928. In 1929 he became the first county agent to receive a Master’s degree. He served as county agent for agriculture in Madison County from 1929 until his retirement in 1964.

After retirement, he remained active in his community and committed to the importance of education until his death in 1989. His wife, Nancy Greer Miller, established this Fellowship as a memorial to her husband and in recognition of his love for Extension and education.

Providing Support for County Extension Agents Working Toward Advanced Degrees.

Books, fees and other graduate school related expenses will be considered.
Applications
The deadline for applications is May 1 of each year. Recipient(s) will be chosen by a committee appointed by the Associate Director of Extension. Decisions will be made and applicants notified by June 1.

Submit to:
Associate Dean of Extension
College of Agriculture Food and Environment
S-107 Ag Science Bldg. North UK
Lexington, KY 40546-0091

Eligibility
Currently employed as a County Extension Agent and enrolled in an approved Masters or Doctoral program at any Kentucky institution of higher education (Preference given to those attending the University of Kentucky) and who has demonstrated excellence in programming.

Applications Must Include
1. Completed Application Form.
2. A transcript (or copy) from each college or university the applicant has attended.
3. A 2 page summary of the approved degree program in which you are currently enrolled.
4. Two letters of recommendation from individuals who have worked with the applicant in his/her Extension role. These should focus in part on the effectiveness of the applicant’s programs and activities, leadership exhibited and the cooperation with those in the community.
5. Budget outlining your funding request.