Mary Barnes and Violet Malone
Black American Women Scholarship

Open to Black American students who have been accepted for undergraduate or graduate study in the Woodring College of Education. Preference shall be given to Black American women. Full-time or part-time students may qualify. Preference shall be given to students who have been out of school for at least three years at some point in their academic lives and are over 25 years of age.

Mary L. Barnes was the mother of 4 children who each earned a graduate degree even though Mary had only a 4th grade education and her husband, Harold, had an 8th grade diploma. As parents living in Chicago, Illinois, they managed to pay the tuition for each child at the parochial elementary and high schools. Mary was recognized for her life-time achievements at the Gulfport, Mississippi school reunion in 1999.

Woodring College is indebted to the late Dr. Violet Malone for supporting this scholarship in honor of her mother. Dr. Malone considered learning a lifelong process. She came to Western in 1991 and was professor emeritus at Woodring College of Education where she taught adult and higher education. She spent most of her career working with adults experiencing some phase of transition. In 1999 she was named to the Adult and Continuing Education Society International Hall of Fame. Her academic background included a Ph.D. in adult education from Florida State University. She helped to initiate Woodring College’s Community Leadership Advisory Council. Dr. Malone (pictured below) died Feb. 2, 2008.