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## Quick Facts

- The Dr. Terry L. Norton Scholarship will support students majoring in elementary education; middle level education – English; or secondary education – English.
- First preference will be given to first-generation college students.



*Terry Norton*

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Education isn't merely a casual interest for **Terry Norton '81**. In fact, the **professor emeritus of education** has dedicated his life to instructing and supporting future educators. Norton will continue his commitment to education with a **new scholarship for first-generation college students** with a passion for teaching.

**Norton**, who earned his M.Ed. in reading at Winthrop, said he wanted to give back to his alma mater in order to support and encourage first-generation college students committed to teaching.

"Winthrop has many first-generation college students who could benefit from additional scholarship assistance," said **Norton**, a retired educator and author.

To be funded through an estate gift, the **Dr. Terry L. Norton Scholarship** will provide financial assistance to undergraduate students majoring in elementary education; middle level education – English; or secondary education – English, with first preference given to first-generation college students.

Norton explained that he established the scholarship to "provide means for Winthrop to continue developing the outstanding graduates and teachers that the institution has a solid history of producing." Norton's gift demonstrates Winthrop's increased focus on creating a **culture of philanthropy**, with **fundraising named a key priority** in President Dan Mahony's **strategic plan**.

The Rock Hill resident worked as a **professor of literacy education** in the university's **Richard W. Riley College of Education** for 27 years. During his tenure at Winthrop, he taught courses for teachers and librarians in literacy acquisition and children's and young adult literature. **Norton** retired in 2008 as professor emeritus and remains active with his alma mater, serving as president of the Winthrop Retirees' Association and a member of the Friends of Dacus Library Board.

Norton is the co-author of "50 Literacy Strategies for Beginning Teachers, 1-8" and author of "Cherokee Myths and Legends: Thirty Tales Retold," which contains some of the essential folklore of the Eastern Cherokees of western North Carolina.

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