Sandra Waller Neville grew up in Augusta, graduating from Butler High School. She worked as a dental hygienist in several offices around Augusta during her career and was a passionate advocate for dental hygiene.

Sandra was an active member of the now dissolved CSRA Dental Hygiene Society for many years, holding officer positions of treasurer, president elect, and president. For many years, she donated meeting space and was always available to do what was needed.

This scholarship endowment was formed to not only honor Sandra, but honor dedication to the dental hygiene community. Sandra inspired her patients to improve their oral health care, with "show, tell, do" techniques. Her patients admired her, and she brought happiness and love to all with a one-of-a-kind ability to make people smile. She inspired others by her upbeat attitude and zest for life.

The Sandra Waller Neville Memorial Endowment offers this scholarship to one Augusta University senior dental hygiene student who meets the requirements below. The scholarship amount is $1,000 and will be used for tuition or other educational related expenses associated with pursuing a dental hygiene degree.

*Receiving financial aid from any other entity does not disqualify the applicant from seeking this scholarship.*
SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Application opens: August 1st

Application deadline: Must be submitted by September 15th

Application eligibility:
- Must be currently enrolled at Augusta University
- Must be in last year of dental hygiene undergraduate program with plans to graduate the following May
- Must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in all dental hygiene course work at Augusta University
- Must be a resident of Georgia or South Carolina residing in the CSRA

Application requirements:
- Must include a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, a mentor or someone within the community other than a family member
- Must include a single page cover letter. Please include: Name, address, contact number or email and MUST include the student ID number.
  See: http://jobsearch.about.com/od/coverletters/a/coverletters.htm for cover letter support
- Must include essay stating how you intend to emulate Sandra Neville and the ideals she brought to the dental hygiene profession. How can you impact your profession and community like Sandra did to ‘pay it forward’?
  - Essay must be double spaced in 12 font size and not exceed 2 pages

Application instructions:
- The new online application is available at https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfcsra
- Applicants will be required to create a new user account prior to filling out the application
- Applicants will email the individual selected to provide letter of recommendation from within the application. The chosen individual will receive a system-generated email with a link to upload the letter directly into the student’s application.
- Combine cover letter and essay into one document and upload into appropriate field
- Submit application

For assistance with the application, contact Erin Starnes, Scholarship and Program Associate for the Community Foundation, at erinstarnes@cfcsra.org or 706-724-1314