



RUBY PARKER PUCKETT SCHOLARSHIP

The University of Florida's Office of Professional and Workforce Development is pleased to announce the Ruby Parker Puckett Scholarship for aspiring Certified Dietary Managers (CDM) and Certified Food Protection Professionals (CFPP). This scholarship honors Ruby Parker Puckett, a true pioneer in the field of nutrition and dietary management for over forty years.

Ruby has had a remarkable career as a Registered Dietitian, serving as a department director in various sized hospitals and as a consultant to long-term care facilities, industry, purchasing groups, and the military. She has given over 440 presentations, authored over 13 books, written seven chapters as a contributing author, and served as a faculty member in both junior and senior colleges. Her career has brought many accolades, including the Silver Plate Award for Healthcare and the annual ADA Copher Award. In addition, she was the third woman selected to become a Fellow in the Foodservice Consultant Society International. Many of her books and other writings have been translated into Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, and Arabic.

She founded the University of Florida's Dietary Manager Training program in 1972 and for over forty years, Ruby has been an integral member of the UF team by providing content oversight as well as leading our team of instructors. Her commitment to excellence, dedication to students, and steadfast devotion to this program over the last four decades has been truly exceptional.

Ruby's leadership in developing and sustaining this program and her enthusiasm for life-long learners are the reasons for the long standing success of the Nutrition & Foodservice Professional Training program at the University of Florida.

The Ruby Parker Puckett Scholarship includes:

- Cost of the University of Florida online course
- Books required for the course
- Cost of the exam
- One year student membership at the Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals (ANFP)

Total Value: \$1,300

*Total number of scholarships offered annually: **Two***

Scholarship requirements:

- Submit two letters of recommendation
 - One professional
 - One personal
- Submit a 500 word essay on what this scholarship means to your professional life
- Submit a resume

Submission deadlines:

- November 30 (awarded in January)
- May 31 (awarded in July)

