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Erin Gibson, Katie Bailey Memorial Scholarship Recipient for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

SSCC Awards Katie Bailey Memorial Scholarship to Erin Gibson

Southern State Community College Foundation has announced Erin Gibson as the recipient of the Katie Bailey Memorial Scholarship for the 2026-27 academic year.

Gibson graduated from Fairfield High School in 2008 and is pursuing a major in Nursing at SSCC. Her goal is to become a NICU nurse and get her bachelor's degree, so she can also be a substitute teacher in an elementary school.

The Katie Bailey Memorial Scholarship was established in 2021 to honor the sudden passing of Katie Bailey, a former Southern State graduate. This $750 Katie Bailey Memorial Scholarship is awarded to help a Southern State student who has been accepted into the RN program.

"Erin's dedication to nursing and her desire to care for the most vulnerable patients as a future NICU nurse speak volumes about her character and commitment to serving others," SSCC President Dr. Nicole Roades shared. "We are proud to recognize her as this year's Katie Bailey

Memorial Scholarship recipient and are confident she will honor Katie's legacy through her compassion, determination, and service to her community."

To learn more about SSCC Foundation scholarship opportunities, please visit www.sscc.edu/financialaid/scholarships.shtml. For more information on the stewardship role of the SSCC Foundation, please visit www.sscc.edu/about/foundation.shtml.

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