This award was established through an endowment by 1959 LSU graduates Donald W. and Gloria Pichon Clayton to support the College of Engineering in its quest for excellence. Donald W. Clayton is an alumnus of the Craft and Hawkins Department of Petroleum Engineering, and a 1993 inductee into the College of Engineering Hall of Distinction. Supplements to graduate assistantships may be funded through the endowed account. The stipends may vary from $10,000 to $20,000 a year, depending on the student’s year in the degree program and the funds available. The recipient should be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident enrolled or coming into an engineering Ph.D. program and desirous of entering the teaching profession.

To qualify for the Assistantship, the student must also receive, in addition, a minimum of $15,000/year in graduate assistantship from his/her engineering department or other source such as research grants/contracts, other assistantships, etc. The total award will thus be $25,000, $30,000 and $35,000 per year per student for the three-year program of study. A letter of support must be included in the application from the student’s department-major professor obligating the $15,000/year support funds. **Two supplement awards will be made this year, contingent on funds.**

The award provides a stipend for the faculty member who is the principal advisor of the student awardee. The stipend will be at most 10% of the award received by the student (given that sufficient funds are available).

The cover page is attached to this document and must be the first page of the application. Applications are due no later than February 12, 2012 and must be submitted electronically [PDF] to Dr. Kelly A. Rusch (krusch@lsu.edu).
I. INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICANT

Name ________________________________

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Permanent Mailing Address ______________________________

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone Number ________________________________ Date of Birth ____________________________

(Month) (Date) (Year)

Email Address ________________________________

Engineering Graduate Program of Study __________ Major Advisor ________________________________

For Sections II-VII, please initial by each number to indicate that those items are included in the application packet.

II. TRANSCRIPTS (official) OF ALL COLLEGE WORK TO DATE - Please attach copy.

III. GRE SCORES – Please attach copy

IV. YOUR INTEREST IN ENGINEERING AND TEACHING PROFESSION

In a concise essay (approximately 500 words) give details of the graduate program to be pursued and a statement of career objectives with respect to the teaching profession.

V. CURRENT RESUME – Please attach copy

VI. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please attach a letter of recommendation from one of your faculty attesting to your capabilities and graduate studies.

VII. LETTER OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM MAJOR ADVISOR AND/OR DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Please attach a letter of assistantship support from your department/major advisor.

Signature of Candidate __________________________ Date __________________________