The Claude Hutcherson Family Endowed Scholarship

The Claude Hutcherson Family Scholarship is endowed in memory of the late Claude Hutcherson and made possible by family, friends, and former Flying Queens. Claude Hutcherson is remembered for his lasting relationship with Wayland that began with his attendance at Wayland. He graduated from Wayland in 1925 and his love for Wayland continued until his death in 1977. During the 1948 season, he provided air transportation for the Queens to games in Mexico. He assumed the sponsorship in 1950, and the team became known as the Hutcherson Flying Queens.

Hutcherson not only flew the team across the nation but had a genuine concern and care for the academic future of each player. He became the driving force in making Wayland the strongest women’s basketball program in the United States. His loyalty to the Flying Queens and Wayland Baptist University has continued through his family Wilda, Marsha, and Mike Hutcherson.