

THE WILLIE L. STEWART SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2017-2018

The Willie L. Stewart Foundation announces plans to award its ninth annual scholarship to a deserving student who desires to continue his/her studies.

The goal of the scholarship is parallel to the beliefs of **Mr. Willie L. Stewart** who was an advocate for education. The foundation has agreed to offer **ONE (1) \$500.00** scholarship to assist in college expenses for the 2017-2018 school year.

WHO CAN APPLY: Any African-American high school student who is a Spring 2018 graduating senior, is a resident of Lancaster or Kershaw County, and is enrolled in either an accredited university or technical school.

HOW TO APPLY: Return **THE ORIGINAL** and **TWO (2) COPIES** of your completed application **ALONG** with:

- Essay;
- Three (3) letters of recommendation: **two (2) from your high school and one (1) from someone of your choice;**

Please note: Recommendations should include the extent and the capacity of how well the person knows you.

- and an **OFFICIAL** copy (**stamped and signed by guidance personnel**) of your transcript in a sealed envelope (an unofficial copy of your transcript or an official copy of your transcript that is not in a sealed envelope will be deemed invalid).

APPLICATIONS: Applications may be downloaded online from www.stewartfuneralhomesc.com. The link to the application is located on the home page.

DEADLINE: All requested information must be mailed and postmarked on or before **Friday, June 1, 2018.**

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Cumulative grade point average of **2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale** (10%)
- Activities (school, community, and religious organization) (40%)
- Written expression (essay) (20%)
- Recommendations (30%)

ANNOUNCEMENT: The selected scholarship recipient will be announced by the end of July 2018. The recipient will be notified by mail.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS: The Willie L. Stewart Foundation will disburse funds directly to the college or university.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Pamela Stewart, Foundation Director at (803) 283-6787 or (803) 273-8811, Sheila Stewart-Washington at (803) 804-0360 or Lula Mungo (803) 235-0007.

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**All requested items should be mailed together to:
Stewart Funeral Home
P. O. Box 343
Heath Springs, SC 29058**

Please make sure that you:

- Print in **blue or black ink or type** all requested information
- Secure a recommendation from **three persons 1) two from your high school 2) and one from someone of your choice;**
- Complete the essay as directed;
- Return the original and **TWO** copies of your completed application along with the essay, recommendations, and a sealed copy of your transcript with verification of your GPA on or before **Friday, June 1, 2018.**

Name _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Permanent Address

Street or PO Box

City State ZIP

(____) _____ (____) _____
Home Phone Number Mobile Phone Number

High School attended **THIS YEAR**

College/University _____
(WHERE SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD BE SENT)

Cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale _____ (ATTACH SEALED COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT)

Anticipated **YEAR** of College Graduation: 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

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SIGNIFICANT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, & HONORS/RECOGNITION

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Include community, religious organization(s) and work experience

ESSAY DIRECTIONS

Write a three-page essay on the following topic. The essay must be **double-spaced** and **typed** using **12 point font** with one inch margins. The essay should be no longer than three pages.

ESSAY PROMPT:

Gun control has been one of the most controversial topics in the United States in the past ten years. There are many advocates of gun control - people who wish to have stricter laws to prevent certain groups of people from purchasing a firearm. However, there are also the people who disagree with gun control laws and believe there should be a more lenient gun control to furthermore help people defend themselves during risky situations. Many gun control laws have been passed, but still no solution to the problem. You are in high school and will be going to college. I'm sure safety is one of your concerns.

Imagine you being a leader, as our future Congressman or Congresswoman. Explain what new legislation would you propose to Congress to make our Country safer. Why? What new security measures would you implement to enhance our schools security?

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