

THE WILLIE L. STEWART SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2017

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 students enrolling in a post secondary educational instruction in the fall of 2017.

WHO CAN APPLY: Any African-American high school student who is a Spring 2017 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 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, May 19, 2017**.

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 2017. 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 your completed application along with the essay, recommendations, and a sealed copy of your transcript with verification of your GPA on or before **Friday, May 19, 2017.**

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: 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

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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 two-page thorough and well-written 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 two pages.

ESSAY PROMPT:

Describe a challenging situation that you've faced and thoroughly explain how you overcame this situation. Include at least 3 qualities about you that made overcoming this challenge easier.