

THE WILLIE L. STEWART SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2022-2023

The Willie L. Stewart Foundation announces plans to award its twelfth 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 2022-2023 school year.

WHO CAN APPLY: Any African American high school student who is a Spring 2022 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 10, 2022.**

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 2022. 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.

All requested items should be mailed together to:

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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 10, 2022.**

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: 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028

SIGNIFICANT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, & HONORS/RECOGNITION

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Include community, religious organization(s), and work experience

ESSAY DIRECTIONS

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Write a four-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 five pages.

ESSAY PROMPT:

The coronavirus created mass disruption of schooling in the spring semester of the 2019-20 school year. In an effort to stop the virus' spread, principals, superintendents, and then governors closed schools across the nation in a wave that began in late February. Department of Defense Education Activity ordered or recommended school building closures for the rest of their academic year. COVID-19 resulted in 1.2 billion children globally were out of the classroom.

The decision to close the schools affected the learning process for the students. Educators started using the internet and the modern available technologies to get maximum out of the student's education.

Many educators were not prepared to teach online classes because of the unplanned and rapid decision to move to online learning with no training, insufficient bandwidth, and little preparation. School Administrations realized that this action had to be achieved so the students could still receive their education.

Although, this was challenging, as a response to the COVID-19 crisis, school administrations, educators and companies supplying internet service worked diligently to accomplish this arduous task.

Of course, mistakes were made, but this was anticipated being how fast paced the changes were made for online learning. Parents and teachers played a fundamental role in supporting students to develop these crucial attitudes to online learning. Parents were affected and some parents felt burdened. The parents and teachers had to work together to make the best out of digital learning.

There have been many controversial conversations about the effectiveness of online learning versus face-to-face learning. Since the lockdown, there has been waves of schools migrating towards online learning as they prepare for another crisis that may or may not affect the world in this capacity.

Essay Question:

- A. A. Tell how you was affected transitioning from face-to-face classes to online learning. Did you feel you had the necessary tools, including communicating with your teachers, internet service and a good support network including home to continue to learn and achieve good grades?
- B. B. Imagine you was the school superintendent or dean of a college. describe how you would have facilitated the transition to online learning.
- C. Lastly, in your opinion, which learning method do you think is most effective, face-to-face learning, or online learning.