



St. James United Methodist Church

Dr. Michael T. McQueen, Senior Pastor
Rev. Paul A Thibodeaux, Associate Pastor

February 20, 2011,

Dear Saint:

Robert Stenson Jr Memorial Scholarship will award a scholarship up to a maximum of \$2500 to a graduating high school senior who is interested in pursuing a **career in "medicine, science, or public health."**

Listed below are the details pertaining to completing the process. **All completed applications must be submitted by, Saturday, April 2, 2011.**

Please adhere to the following requirements in completing your application package:

1. All enclosed documents require type or print using black ink when completing the application.
2. Student Essay: Submit a two (2) page double space typewritten essay, in your own words.
3. Provide a copy of an acceptance letter or proof of registration from the institution you plan to attend.
4. A reference is required from a school official and/or one from a ministry chair or non-family member.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Christian Education Ministry at (678) 762-1543 Ext. 233 or via email at christianed@stjamesumc.org.

In His Service,

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Robert Stenson Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Robert Stenson Jr. was born July 31, 1959 in Atlanta GA to Robert Stenson Sr. and Dessie Duncan Stenson. As a child, Robert was very inquisitive, a trait that would serve him well later on in life. Unfortunately at the age of 10, his mother who had valiantly battled Lupus for many years succumbed to the disease at the young age of 30 years. Robert and his 11 year old sister Brenda moved in with their Uncle Ben (Dessie's brother) and Aunt Lydia and cousins Eva, Benjamin, and Christopher (who arrived on the scene just a little bit later). Shortly thereafter, Uncle Ben re-enlisted into the army and the new family of seven left Georgia for the Panama Canal Zone. Robert, who had known only Atlanta for his early formative years, now was exposed to a whole new world.

After Panama, the family moved to Arizona and then to Germany. Throughout his Junior High and High School Years, Robert continued to excel. He starred in Football, Baseball and Track and Field, while always maintaining excellent grades in all of his classes (including calculus, chemistry, biology, and physics). He was the High School Record Holder for American High Schools in Europe for the pole vault. In addition, he played in the Senior League World Series in Ft. Lauderdale Florida. Despite his athletic prowess and achievements, Robert was drawn to the field of medicine. The death of his mother to Lupus was a constant motivator and inspiration for Robert. The support of his "new" family - Uncle Ben (Dad), Aunt Lydia (Mom), his siblings as well as special mentorship from his Aunt Daisy (Dessie's younger sister) - helped to guide him along the way.

Robert knew that his calling was to help people through medicine and medical practice. Immediately after high school, Robert enrolled into Emory University and graduated in 1981 (Who's Who Selection) with a B.A. in Chemistry. In 1985, Robert graduated from Tufts University with a M.D. degree from the School of Medicine, fulfilling his lifelong dream. However, his mission was now only just beginning. Dr. Stenson continued his training and education with research fellowships at the prestigious Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center as well the UCLA School of Medicine. On July 29, 1989 he was joined with Charnetta Poole in Holy matrimony. After several years of additional intense training and practice, Dr. Stenson opened his own Medical practice with a specialty of Gynecologic Oncology. Robert put his entire essence and being into his work. He saved countless lives. He achieved this not only through his surgical skill and medical knowledge, but also by his kind, positive and uplifting bedside manner. Robert dedicated his life to serving his patients and their families. On any day at any time, he could be found at the hospital, visiting and checking on his patients and keeping their spirits high and hopeful. He established an unprecedented, wonderful rapport and relationship with each one of his patients. Therefore, Robert's ministry on earth was achieved through his medical practice and his dedication to those he was called to serve. God used Robert to bring hope and healing to countless patients and their families. On July 24, 2002 Robert was abruptly and unexpectedly called home. He had achieved his mission here on Earth.



Robert Stenson Jr Memorial Scholarship

1. All applicants should have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better, or demonstrate a spirit of excellence in church and/or community.
2. Students must be an **ACTIVE*** member of St. James UMC with plans to major in a pre-medicine related degree (e.g. chemistry, biology, etc.) or a public health degree (epidemiology, biostatistics, maternal and child health, etc.).
3. The applicant must show evidence that after graduating from high school, he/she will be attending a college.
4. **Church Affiliation and Community Service** (For example, participation in St. James UMC Hosea Feed the Hungry, choir, etc.)
5. One (1) **letter of recommendation** from an organization guidance counselor or teacher or one from a ministry chair or non-family member.
6. Students must include a copy of an official¹ transcript from the student's high school when applying for a scholarship.
7. All applications for a scholarship will be screened and decided by the St. James Christian Education Scholarship Review Committee.
8. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered.
9. Completed applications **MUST** be turned in by the designated date and time in order to be considered. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.**
10. The due date for the 2010 Scholarship packages is **Saturday, April 2, 2 011 by 2 pm.**

* *Active is defined as being active in the community and church. The applicant must be a regular worshiper at St. James UMC and engaged in ministry. (E.g. Bible Study, Sunday School, Choir, or the Food Drive)*

¹ A copy is acceptable, but the copy must be of an official transcript (No screenshots, downloads or printouts).



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GENERAL INFO:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternative Phone: _____

Father's (Guardian) Name: _____ Email: _____

Mother's (Guardian) Name: _____ Email: _____

Siblings' Name(s) and Age(s): _____

COLLEGE INFO:

List top two college choices: *(a minimum of one acceptance letter/proof or registration is required)*

College 1: _____ **College 2:** _____

Major Area of Study: _____ Expected Entry Date: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFO:

High School Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Principal: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

Name(s) of newspapers in your area (local, regional): _____



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Please List in details all extra Curricular Activities and Community Involvement:

List clubs, organizations and the year of participation. Make note of those in which you've held a leadership position (*e.g. chairperson or president*)

List all honors, awards and special recognitions:

List your church ministries, community work, or volunteer activities:

CERTIFICATION, ALL APPLICANTS:

I certify that all information I have provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information on this application if requested. I give permission to the selection committee to review information on this form and my transcripts. I give permission for the selection committee to contact high school and college officials for additional academic and/or financial information. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission for a publicity release and photo to the regional/local newspapers or the high school publication.

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date



Robert Stenson Jr Memorial Scholarship

TO BE COMPLETED BY: The Applicant (Student)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Applicant must write a two-page essay (typed and double-spaced)

ESSAY QUESTION:

Explain why you are interested in pursuing a career in medicine, science, or public health."



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TO BE COMPLETED BY: (Guidance Department, Teacher or Principal)

I recommend that _____, a graduating senior at _____ in
(Student Name) (School Name)

City: _____ State: _____ be awarded a Robert Stenson Jr Memorial Scholarship.

Student's Cumulative Grade Pont Average: _____ Scale: _____ Class Rank: _____

Reminder: Please attach student's official academic transcript *(through the latest full term)*

We are seeking information about qualities related to the applicant's potential for success in post-secondary education. Please rate the candidate below:

Instructions: Check the appropriate column for each item below	Superior	Above Average	Average	Fair	Poor	Unable to Judge
Leadership						
Enthusiasm						
Initiative						
Dependability						
Adaptability						
Potential for success						

Please state your comments below pertaining to the student's extracurricular activities, citizenship, and their ability to be successful.

Recommendation completed by:

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date



Position _____

Telephone Number _____

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TO BE COMPLETED BY: (Ministry Chair or Non-Family Reference)

Student's (Applicant) Name: _____

Length of time you've know the applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Instructions: Check the appropriate column for each item below	Superior	Above Average	Average	Fair	Poor	Unable to Judge
Capacity for learning						
Attitude toward work						
Cooperativeness						
Leadership Abilities						
Dependability						
Potential for success						

Additional comments:

Recommendation completed by:

Name *(Please Print)*

Signature

Date

Title

Telephone Number

