

Marilyn C. Stephens Memorial Scholarship Fund

2021 Memorial Scholarships

In loving memory of Marilyn C. Stephens, who loved supporting and educating students of all ages, we the family of Ms. Stephens have established the Marilyn C. Stephens Memorial Scholarship Fund to support the educational pursuits of students as they achieve their highest goals. We invite applications for the two inaugural scholarships, (i) The Marilyn Stephens Memorial Legacy Scholarship; and (ii) The Marilyn Stephens Dream Book Scholarship.

Please read the below information in detail for full eligibility and submission requirements for each scholarship:

1. The Marilyn Stephens Memorial Legacy Scholarship will provide two (2) individual student scholarships of \$1,000 each to be used for tuition, fees, or books.

- **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Students must be a current or past member of Calvary United Methodist Church or Jones Memorial United Methodist Church (both located in Houston, Texas) for a period of at least one (1) year within the last five (5) years. These were the congregations where Marilyn Stephens dedicated her time and service and we want to support the students she loved.
- Students must be enrolling or enrolled in an accredited college or university, community college, graduate or professional program, trade school, or other continuing education and/or certification program. You do not have to be a first-time student to apply. We will accept applications from any students at any stage of their education after high school.
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to community service.
- Applicants must properly complete the application form and the required Legacy Scholarship essay.

- **Essay Requirements:** To complete the Legacy Scholarship essay, please read the biography of Marilyn C. Stephens, which you may find attached below and via the application portal link. Your essay should consider the principles she lived by and discuss in detail where in your life you have or will utilize these principles to make an impact on your school and/or community. The essay should also detail how this scholarship will help you live out those principles as you complete your education. The essay must be attached to your application form, should be in PDF format, and should not exceed 500 words.

NOTE: If you are applying for the Legacy Scholarship, you DO NOT have to complete a separate application for the Dream Scholarship or write an additional, separate essay. Each Legacy Scholarship applicant will automatically be considered for the Dream Scholarship.

2. The Marilyn Stephens Dream Book Scholarship will provide one (1) student scholarship of \$500 for books and materials needed to complete coursework.

- **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Students must be enrolling or enrolled in an accredited college or university, community college, graduate or professional program, trade school, or other

continuing education and/or certification program. You do not have to be a first-time student to apply. We will accept applications from any students at any stage of their education after high school. **No church affiliation is required to apply to this scholarship.**

- **Essay Requirements:** To complete the Dream Scholarship essay, please write about your favorite book or the most impactful book in your life. Your essay should detail what principles or themes from the book have been important, instructive, or influential in your values, education, and/or career aspirations. The essay must be attached to your application form, should be in PDF format, and should not exceed 250 words.
 - As noted above, if you are separately eligible for and apply for the Legacy Scholarship, you do not need to complete this additional essay. However, if you are not a current or past member of Jones Memorial or Calvary United Methodist Churches, this essay is required for consideration.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION FOR ALL POTENTIAL MCSMS SCHOLARS:
Your completed application should be submitted through the following link <https://tinyurl.com/8vebcv7k> and any questions should be submitted to MCSMScholars@gmail.com. We will accept applications beginning March 29, 2021 and **will close applications on May 1, 2021 at 11:59 pm Central Standard Time. We will NOT accept applications that are incomplete or that arrive after the deadline, so please ensure that your application is complete and submitted before the deadline. Application status notifications will be sent to all applicants by June 15, 2021. If selected to receive scholarship funds, you will be required to provide evidence of enrollment to the scholarship committee prior to distribution of funds.**

Thank you for applying and we look forward to reviewing your applications!