

COVENANT CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
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The Ronald Lee Sterner Trust Fund was established in 1957 by the Sterner family in memory of their son, Ronald Lee Sterner, who was adopted through Covenant Children's Home and Family Services. Covenant Children's Ministries, formerly Covenant Children's Home and Family Services, administers the funds in accordance with the wishes of the Sterner family as stipulated in the Trust.

An application for the Sterner Grant/Scholarship for the upcoming academic year is enclosed. Should you request consideration for funds, please note the application deadline is June 8th. There is no guarantee that funds will be available to late applicants.

Applications will be considered for recognized post-high school education, such as vocational school, trade school, junior college, college and university. Any field of study is eligible. Applications for graduate school may be submitted but will be considered only after undergraduate requests.

The current policy for the Sterner Fund is to be available to any worthy person who has demonstrated financial need and who falls within the guidelines established by this policy. Other consideration is as follows:

- A. Orphaned children as defined by the RL Sterner Trust Fund dated Nov. 29, 1957.
- B. Children from broken homes or with evidence of financial need.
- C. Students in Christian ministry, a Christian service major, or a helping profession, e.g. healthcare, social work, education, etc.
- D. Students who have worked summers at a Christian camp.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

High school graduates should have a 3.00 GPA to qualify for a Sterner grant. Exception to the 3.00 qualification may apply to applicants from troubled families, single parent homes or students with special needs. A Sterner recipient is expected to maintain academic standards. Receiving a grade lower than a C, may make the recipient ineligible to receive funds in the future.

COSTS COVERED

The Sterner fund should not be considered until all other appropriate resources have been pursued. Grants will be made to help defray the cost of tuition, fees, room and board. A grant will not be made in an amount which, when considered with other scholarship loans and grants awarded to the applicant, exceeds the total of his/her education costs.

THE APPLICATION FORM

The application form requires the following:

1. A statement of faith from first time applicants.
2. Information about financial resources.
3. A short explanation of career plans and goals
4. A copy of the applicant's most recent high school or college transcript including a GPA.
5. The signature of both the applicant and parent is required for a dependent student.
6. Household financial information and the signature of a parent or guardian will NOT be required for applicants who are no longer claimed as a dependent on a parent's federal income tax return.
7. First time applicants must include two letters of reference from non-related persons.

PAYMENTS TO RECIPIENTS

The grant is distributed as two payments, one for fall semester and one for spring. Unless otherwise notified, grant disbursements will be mailed by August 15 and January 1 in the form of a check payable jointly to the recipient and the educational institution. However, the second semester award will not be released until a copy of grades from the previous semester is received. A GRADE TRANSCRIPT MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE CLOSE OF ANY TERM OR SEMESTER FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE RECEIVED. In unusual circumstances, payment may be made directly to the recipient with the consent of the Sterner Fund committee and/or the executive committee.

REPAYMENT OF GRANTS

All grant recipients and their families are encouraged to support the continuing ministry of Covenant Children's Ministry to children and families. Grant recipients are encouraged to repay the grant when possible in order that funds may continue to be made available to others in need.

NOTICE OF CHANGES

Sterner fund recipients must keep Covenant Children's Ministry informed of any changes of address and changes in status as a student (transfer, withdrawal, graduation, etc).

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Please submit all application materials at the same time either via

mail: Covenant Children's Ministries, PO Box 518, Princeton, IL 61356

or email: cgschafer@gmail.com Note Sterner Grant in the subject line; all documents scanned and sent in PDF format

QUESTIONS

Any questions about the Sterner Grant program may be submitted to the email cgschafer@gmail.com