

Stan Whelchel "Pay Back" Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide some dollars for a student who is interested in going to a four-year college or university. When I was a senior in high school I began thinking about my future and what I wanted to do with my life. I really did not have a clue as to what I wanted to become, but I knew that I needed to go to college if I was to have any chance at a meaningful future. I did not have any money and my academic achievements in high school left a lot to be desired. I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and after three years of active duty I had the G.I. Bill which financed my college education. I am so glad that I took the military route to finance my education because I grew up and matured there and was ready for the rigors of academic life at a higher level. I enrolled at Iowa State Teachers College (ISTC) and the only major ISTC offered was in education. As it turned out it was perfect for me. I taught for 35 years and enjoyed it immensely. Looking back on my life I know that I could not have accomplished what I did without the college education. Also, I had so much fun in teaching young students and high school students about science and about living. I decided that I wanted to help in some small way to aid an aspiring young person to go to college and hopefully lead that student to a full and happy and rewarding life as I have had. The Marine Corps and college made it possible for me. So this is called the Stan Whelchel "Pay Back" Scholarship, which can begin paying back the future college students for all of the fun and rewards I have had. Good luck in writing your essay for this scholarship. Be advised that you do NOT have to be an education major to apply. I am just happy that you want to go to college and major in anything that you want to pursue. Perhaps this scholarship will give you the chance and the impetus to become something more than you would become if you did not go to college.

The application format will be as follows (double spacing except where noted):

- (1) Type the heading, **Stan Whelchel "Pay Back" Scholarship**, in bold style, 18-point size, and a plain basic font (ie. Courier, Geneva, or Helvetica), centered on the page.
- (2) Student's name - grade point average – class rank
- (3) Possible major in college – college or university the student hopes to attend
- (4) A single spaced list of honors received including leadership positions held
- (5) A single spaced list of extracurricular and community (including Church) activities that the student has been active in
- (6) A quality letter of recommendation from a faculty member **this is an additional letter of recommendation; not included with the 1 letter of recommendation as listed on the HEF general scholarship application
- (7) A statement of extenuating circumstances or financial need can be added if the student believes it may have a bearing on their selection
- (8) A personal essay of not more than 2 typewritten pages, double spaced, in which the student expresses their reasons for wanting to go to college
- (9) Sign your name at the bottom of your essay