

COVENANT CHILDRENS HOME
AND FAMILY SERVICES
STERNER GRANTS

The Ronald Lee Sterner Trust Fund was established by the Sterner family in 1957 in memory of their son, Ronald Lee Sterner, who was adopted through Covenant Children's Home and Family Services (CCHFS). The Board of Directors of CCHFS administers the funds in accordance with the wishes of the Sterner family, as stipulated in the trust.

Applications will be considered for recognized post-high school education, such as vocational school, trade school, junior college, college and university

ELGIBILITY:

The Ronald Lee Sterner Trust states funds will be available to any worthy student who has demonstrated financial need and who falls within the guidelines established by the policy. The following categories of persons are eligible for Sterner funds and will be given preference according to the following factors:

- a. Orphaned children as defined in the Ronald Lee Sterner Trust Fund dated Nov. 29, 1957.
- b. Former residents of CCHFS or of a foster home under CCHFS supervision who are furthering their education beyond high school;
- c. Child of a family who received counseling from CCHFS;
- d. Employees of CCHFS, including those terminated in August, 2001, and their dependent children, if stipulated by a severance agreement;
- e. Student at North Park University or Theological Seminary, Wheaton College, Moody Bible Institute or other schools of Christian emphasis;
- f. Individuals pursuing careers in Christian service or one of the helping professions, e.g., healthcare, social work, education, etc.;
- g. Children from "broken homes";
- h. Children with evidence of financial need;
- i. A senior at Princeton High School nominated by the PHS Scholarship Committee. The student should be attending a Christian College with plans to obtain a degree in some aspect of human service or ministry occupation;
- j. A senior at The Children's Home of Cromwell, Connecticut.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

High school graduates should have a 3.00 GPA to qualify for a Sterner grant. An 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 high academic standards. Any recipient receiving a grade lower than a "C" may make the recipient ineligible to receive funds in the future.

COSTS COVERED:

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 Sterner fund should not be considered until all other appropriate resources have been pursued.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR REPEAT APPLICANTS:

-EARLY application deadline is May 15.

-LATE application deadline is June 15. There is no guarantee that funds will still be available to late applicants.

THE APPLICATION FORM:

The application form requires the following:

1. A statement of faith from first time applicants.
2. Information about financial resources, both from the student and the parent(s).
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 considered dependents. (No longer claimed as a dependent on a parent's federal income tax return.)

PAYMENTS TO RECIPIENTS:

Unless otherwise notified, all grant disbursements will be made at the beginning of each term in the form of a check payable jointly to the recipient and the educational institution. In unusual circumstances, payment may be made directly to the recipient with the consent of the Sterner Fund committee and/or the executive committee. In the case of a delayed payment, the educational institution will be notified by letter.

A GRADE TRANSCRIPT MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE CLOSE OF ANY TERM OR SEMESTER FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE RECEIVED.

REPAYMENT OF GRANTS:

All grant recipients and their families are encouraged to support the continuing ministry of CCHFS to troubled children and families. Grant recipients are encouraged to repay the grant when possible in order that funds may continue to be made available to other worthwhile recipients.

NOTICE OF CHANGES:

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

Ronald Lee Sterner Grant/Scholarship Fund Application
Covenant Children's Home and Family Services
502 Elm Place, PO Box 518
Princeton, IL 61356

This application is for scholarship assistance under the terms of the Sterner Fund Policies. Please type or clearly print.

Section 1 - General Information

First time applicants, please detail your connection with Covenant Children's Home and Family Services and your relationship with God. Use a separate piece of paper.

School year _____
 Name _____
 Home Address _____
 Home Phone No. _____
 Social Security No. _____
 Date of Birth _____
 Martial Status _____
 No. of Minor Children _____

Parental Information - Complete if student is claimed as a dependent, or under age 21.

Name of Parents _____
 Address _____
 Age of Older Parent _____ Marital Status _____

Names of Dependent Children in college in coming school year supported by parental income:

Section 2 - Academic Plans and Background

Name and city of school (starting with high school)	Yrs.	GPA	Degree/Diploma-Year
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Currently Enrolled _____
 Major _____
 Minor _____
 Vocational Goal _____
 Part/Full Time _____
 Semester/Trimester _____
 Academic Hours / Term _____ GPA last completed term _____
 Projected Graduation Date _____ GPA overall _____

Please note that in order to receive future benefits from the Scholarship fund, you must send a copy of your grades to Covenant Children's Home at the end of each term.

Section 3 - Other Financial Assistance

_____	Monetary Award Program (MAP Grants)	_____
_____	Merit Recognition	_____
_____	Illinois State Scholar	_____
_____	Federal Stafford Loan	_____
_____	Federal Supplemental Loan	_____
_____	Federal PLUS Loan	_____
_____	uniLoan Program	_____
_____	Illinois Designated Account Purchase (IDAPP)	_____
_____	Illinois College Accounts Network (ICAN)	_____
_____	College Work Study	_____
_____	Academic Scholarship	_____
_____	Faculty Award	_____
_____	Pell Grant	_____
_____	Illinois Student Assistance Monetary Award	_____
_____	GI Bill	_____
_____	Church or related scholarship	_____
_____	Bank Loan	_____
_____	Work off campus; part / full time	_____
	If not, why not?	_____
_____	Other Sources	_____
	Zearing Scholarship	_____
	Total Assistance	_____

Section 4 - Financial Need

Expenses	Tuition	_____	Sources	Section 3 Total	_____
	Fees	_____		Savings	_____
	Books, Supplies	_____		Parental Support	_____
	Room and Board	_____		Other	_____
	Living Expenses	_____			_____
	Travel	_____			_____
	Misc	_____			_____
	Total	_____		Total	_____
	Need - Difference between expenses and sources				=====
	Sterner Fund Request				_____

Section 8 - References

The name and addresses of two, non related, persons as character references. If possible, include the name of a minister.

Section 9 - Applicant's Statement

- I am in need of a loan or grant in order to commence or continue my education.
- I am undertaking or will undertake the educational work described above.
- I will use the proceeds for the loan or grant only for the payment of tuition and required fees, room and board, books, equipment and materials, and travel expenses.
- I agree to notify CCHFS of any change in my name or address, or graduation/withdrawal from school.
- I understand that CCHFS has the right to cancel all rights and benefits of financial aid if any irregularities are verified.
- I agree to inform CCHFS of any financial awards I may receive from sources other than CCHFS both before and after my application is returned. I realize that failure to comply with this agreement may result in ineligibility to receive financial aid.
- I understand that I am receiving the funds in accordance with the attached guidelines and that the funds must be used in compliance with them.
- I understand that my total resources may not exceed my computed financial need and that CCHFS may revise my aid award at any time to prevent such an occurrence.
- I understand that the amount awarded will likely not meet my need, but will be helpful for purchasing books, supplies, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- I recognize that repaying grants/scholarships enables CCHFS to make funds available to other students. Although not required, I will try to repay any grant made to me if I am able to do so.
- I hereby acknowledge that the information submitted herewith is true and correct and I fully understand my obligation incurred by the grant and loan and the condition of repayment.

Date _____
_____ applicant

Date _____
_____ parent, if minor

Section 10- Statement of Parent or Guardian (if applicant is minor)

I have read the foregoing application in full and hereby state that with my knowledge the applicant is requesting assistance to further his (her) education.

Date _____
