

Background & Intent

Mr. Stepon (7/22/27 - 7/4/18) taught school in Ephrata for 30 years (1960 thru 1990). He was born in Wenatchee, attended school in Quincy, worked on his family's ranch, served in the USAF, then graduated from college in Ellensburg, raised a family with his beloved wife, and he lived a good, simple life. This region – the land, the outdoors, the lifestyle, the schools, the community and its people were very dear to Mr. Stepon. He gave back in many ways and helped many people in his 90+ years, with his infectious smile, sense of humor, faith, hope, encouragement, his personal time, caring, concern, gentle strength, his courage and wisdom.

- The Percy F. Stepon Memorial Scholarship award team will look for a student who expresses strong values, curiosity, creativity, the desire to grow, learn and teach, and the perseverance to keep on going – attributes that are the essence of Mr. Stepon.
- **A priority will be given to the student who plans to become a teacher.**

The amount of this scholarship will be \$1000.

Requirements

You, as the applicant, must:

- Graduate from Ephrata High School, **2024**.
- Reside in the Ephrata area for a minimum of 5 years prior to high school graduation.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at time of the application.
- Attend a post-secondary school on a full-time basis, beginning no later than **10/1/2024**, if selected for this scholarship.

Application – Instructions & Form (have some fun with this -- fill it out, print, compile & submit)

The application deadline is **Friday, April 12, 2024**.

Packet contents that you are to provide:

- 1) **“Applicant Information”** -- Fill out the form (*Page 2*)
- 2) **“Personal Summary”** -- What's your story? Make us feel something. The length/style is up to you. We strongly suggest you consider these topics...
 - Your history
 - Your future plans
 - Your passions
 - A challenge/obstacle that you have overcome (*or are overcoming*)
 - Something you did (*or will do*), to help someone
 - An educator who made an impact in your life
 - Your interest in becoming an educator
 - Your favorite book or favorite author
 - A moment in nature that filled you with wonder and awe
 - Add a visual (*such as: a photo, a sketch, a collage... abstract or realistic, silly or serious*)
 - Tell us something you learned about Mr. Stepon, or a question you would ask him (*there's limited info, above in “Background & Intent” and elsewhere – find something*)
- 3) **“Recommendations”** -- Letter or letters (*from anyone who can help with your story*)

APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM:

Name	
Current Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Birthdate	

Years in the Ephrata Area?	
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Parent or Guardian info (name, address, phone)	
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Current GPA	
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High School – Areas of Emphasis (subjects that excited and intrigued you)	
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Involvement (Anything... work, sports, hobbies, leadership, awards, family, friends, church, community, etc.)	
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Planned Major in college	
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College details (College name; Address; Date that classes begin)	
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The application deadline: **Friday, April 12, 2024**. There will be no extensions. Please return the application packet (“Applicant Information Form” + “Personal Summary” + “Recommendations”) to the EHS Counseling Office.

*The chosen applicant will be informed of the award at the EHS Award Ceremony, prior to graduation. The scholarship award is paid directly to the college where the student will be attending. Funds will be distributed prior to commencement of classes, directly to the designated institution, provided the student has supplied the necessary forms and information to the Percy F. Stepon Memorial Scholarship team and the EHS Counseling Office, by **August 31, 2024**. Please contact the EHS Counseling office with questions.*



Decision making exercise

STUDENTS IN PERCY Stepon's fifth grade class at Grant School go through a decision making exercise as part of the Ephrata School District's Here's Looking At You, Two program. The K-12 program is designed as a deterrent to drug and alcohol abuse and is presented to each class in the school system at some point during the year. Tied in with the program is a parents' meeting

sponsored by the Ephrata Chapter of the Chemical People and the Grant PTA and Columbia Ridge PTO organizations. The program, open to all parents, will run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at Grant School. Parents attending will have an opportunity to learn how to continue the school program at home.