



Freeman D. Sterling Scholarship



Mr. Freeman Sterling was born on August 16, 1955 in Tyler, TX. Mr. Sterling attended W. A. Peete Elementary in 1961, A. T. Stewart Junior High School, and in 1970 he attended Robert E Lee (now known as Tyler Legacy High School). He participated in the band as a senior section leader for the clarinet/woodwind section and was a member of the choir and drama department. He continued his education at Tyler Junior College and graduated in May 1977 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. His thirst for knowledge did not stop there. He obtained a Preschool Certification from Teas Eastern University (now Texas A&M at Commerce) and a Master's degree in Education Administration from East Texas State University, Commerce, TX.

Mr. Sterling taught second, fifth and sixth grade students at Rice Elementary then transferred to Owens Elementary. There he was named second grade team leader for the next six years. Mr. Sterling, feeling the need to give back to his birth neighborhood and community, transferred to Jones Elementary as a fifth-grade teacher for one year and was assigned as an Instructional Consultant at T. J. Austin Elementary for two years. In May 1994, he was hired as the principal and instructional leader at W. A. Peete Elementary and remained in that position for 18 years during that time accomplishing several years of RECOGNIZED school ratings. He was instrumental in organizing and opening the new W. A. Peete Elementary campus, currently located on Bellwood Road in Tyler, TX. Mr. Sterling retired with 36 years in the Tyler Independent School District (TISD).

Mr. Sterling continued his dedication to education and the students and in May 2019, was sworn in as District 3 Representative. He stated that, "Having the honor to serve as a TISD Board of Trustee is a way for me to give back to the students, teachers, and the community" and "I want to make sure that the students are the focus of our educational system and community". Based on Freeman Sterling's commitment to the Sigma Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, this scholarship is named in his honor and only eligible to Legacies of Omega Psi Phi.

****Recipients of this scholarship must attend a 4-year institution to be eligible.**



SIGMA OMICRON CHAPTER
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC.
TYLER, TEXAS
SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24
FREEMAN STERLING-LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION



Student Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

Graduation Date: _____

An official high school transcript and letter of interest must be submitted with application.

What post secondary institution of higher learning do you plan to attend after graduation?

_____ Expected Enrollment Date: _____

Anticipated College Major: _____ Minor: _____

Please list your co-curricular activities present and past:

On an additional attachment, please provide a summary explaining why you feel you should be the recipient of this scholarship. Should not exceed one page.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

My signature indicates that the information provided on this application is true and may be verified by the Sigma Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Deadline for entry will be April 15, 2024. The application may be submitted to a fraternity member on or before April 15, 2024, or mailed to:

Sigma Omicron Chapter
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.
P. O. Box 5146
Tyler, Texas 75712

Or emailed to sigmaomicronopp@gmail.com. If mailed, the application must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2024 for consideration to receive scholarship.