

LEOLA B. MARSH "FOOTSTEPS" SCHOLARSHIP – For Year 2017

STOP: You must use the form for the year in which you are applying. To obtain the most current form, go to: <http://www.scholarship.flmuniverse.com/>

This Scholarship is available to any 1st Semester college freshmen student who is either a graduate of George Washington Carver High School of Montgomery, AL, a member of Day Street Baptist Church of Montgomery, AL, or a member of Lilly Baptist Church of Montgomery, AL.

This annual award is in memory of Mrs. Leola B. Marsh, and rewards students who have similar interests as she did. Her biography information is listed at the end of this application which should be reviewed for reference. There is no minimum ACT or SAT score requirement. The award will be given in support of tuition and books only, and a student is granted the award only once. Only one scholarship is given per year. The deadline for submission of all application materials is October 16, 2017. The winning applicant will be announced by December 15, 2017. The award for 2017 is \$1,000.00 plus an additional \$500.00 in memory of Risa M. Marsh. The total award for 2017 is therefore **\$1,500.00**.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – To qualify, **you must answer YES to all five of the following requirements.** Then you must sign, date, and submit the fully completed application by October 16, 2017.

1. Are you a registered first-semester (or -quarter) freshman student in an accredited 4-year university or college? _____ **Yes or No**
2. Do you qualify for **one or more** of the following conditions? _____ **Yes or No**
(put a checkmark by all that apply to you)
 - A graduate of George Washington Carver High School in Montgomery, AL
 - A member of Lilly Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL
 - A member of Day Street Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL
3. Was your high school grade point average at least 2.7 on a 4.0 scale? **Transcript required.**
_____ **Yes or No**
4. A letter of recommendation is to be submitted from *the Pastor of your home church and from one of your high school teachers*. The letters will only be accepted if mailed by United States Postal Service (USPS) **directly by the author of the letter**. The mailing address is listed at the end of this application. The letters must include a telephone number by which the administrator of this scholarship may call the one who wrote the letter to verify its contents. **Will these letters be received by the October 16, 2017 deadline?** _____ **Yes or No**
5. In addition to the above requirements, the applicant must have a minimum of 5 (five) points from the following conditions (any combination is acceptable; check all that apply):
 - A member of Day Street Baptist Church of Montgomery, AL for the last 6 months – 3 points.
 - A member of Lilly Baptist Church of Montgomery, AL for the last 6 months – 2 points.
 - A member of a church choir in good standing for at least a year. A verification letter (sent by USPS) from the choir director (or included in the pastor's letter) is required – 3 points.
 - A graduate of George Washington Carver High School in Montgomery, AL – 2 points.

- A registered 1st semester freshman at Alabama State University in Montgomery, AL – 1 point.
- Majoring in education (elementary, middle or secondary) – 1 point.
- Regularly attend church (two out of every four Sundays in the last 9 months) – 2 points.

Total Points = _____ Was the total points at least 5 (five)? _____ Yes or No

If you answered YES to the above 5 questions, you have met the minimum requirements. Complete the remainder of the application, sign and date it, and submit it by October 16, 2015

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Your name – _____
2. Your home address (while not at college) – _____

3. Your address while at college – _____

4. Your email address – _____
5. Your cell phone number – _____
6. Your home telephone number – _____
7. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) – _____
8. Sex - Male or Female – _____
9. U.S. Citizen - Are you a US Citizen? Yes or No – _____
10. College or university you presently attend – _____
11. Main Address of Your College – _____

12. College main switchboard phone number – _____
13. High school from which you graduated (name and address) – _____

14. High School Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy) – _____

15. High School Grade Point Average (GPA) and scale (example = 2.7/4.0 where the GPA is 2.7 on a scale of 4.0) – _____

16. Class Rank - Please type in your class rank in the space below. Please use the following format 25/305 (this would indicate that your rank is 25th out of a graduating class size of 305).

17. Academic Honors or Awards – Please describe any academic honors or awards which you have received.

18. School and Community Activities – Please describe any school and community activities that you have participated in. (i.e., athletics, extracurricular, church, volunteer).

Any false or misleading information entered on this application automatically disqualifies the applicant. If an award is given based on false or misleading information intentionally given by the applicant, legal proceedings will be initiated to recover the award from the applicant.

All finalists will be interviewed by telephone or in person.

SIGNED _____ DATE (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

**Reflections on the Life
of
Leola B. Robinson Marsh
(1914 – 2011)**



**Mrs. Marsh with sons Frederick (L) and William (R)
at her 90th birthday party.**

Mrs. Leola B. Robinson Marsh was born in Pike Road, Alabama, to Reverend W. E. Robinson and Pearlie B. Robinson. Her early years were spent in a rural environment in a house with no electricity or running water and where school homework was often done by kerosene lantern. She joined First Baptist Church of Pike Road at the age of 12 and shortly thereafter joined Day Street Baptist Church when her family moved to Montgomery City.

She was a graduate of Alabama State University and spent 40 years in elementary and middle school education during which time she touched the lives of many in a positive and lasting manner. Mrs. Marsh spent 15 years in the Pike County school system where for several years she served as the Principal of Goshen Junior High School. The remainder of her career was spent as an instructor in the Montgomery County Schools that included 15 years at George Washington Carver Elementary School, 5 years at Seth Johnson School, and 5 years at Arthur Cook Elementary School.

Mrs. Marsh was a dedicated member of Day Street Baptist Church for over 80 years where she demonstrated a deep religious and community commitment by being a participant in numerous organizations and activities. She also served as president of the neighborhood club in her community for over 20 years and was a member of the Order Of Eastern Star. She was a respected leader whose opinion mattered to those around her.

Mrs. Marsh was blessed with the gift of a beautiful singing voice and she used that gift to glorify the Lord both at home and at church. Her children can still remember during their early childhood days that she would sing favorite hymns while doing housework. As a teenager, she joined the Junior Choir at Day Street Baptist Church and progressed to the Sanctuary Choir as an adult. Altogether, she spent over 70 years singing in a choir at Day Street. She was often called upon to sing solo in the Sanctuary Choir of which she served as president for many years.

Those who knew her, will remember Mrs. Marsh for her qualities of faith, family, love, friendship, and commitment. She was married to the late F. Mayo Marsh for over 50 years. This union produced two sons, Frederick and William.

The “Footsteps” scholarship honors her name by being awarded to a student who has some of her same interests and demonstrates some of her admirable qualities.

About the administrator – The administrator and benefactor of this scholarship is Frederick L. Marsh; one of Leola B. Marsh’s sons. He graduated from George Washington Carver High School in 1965 and has a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering. After retiring from the Tennessee Valley Authority, he now performs volunteer work and is the web designer and coordinator of the Technology Ministry for First Baptist Church East Eighth Street in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Frederick is the author of three books: The Forgotten World of Fred, The Love of Priestess Sophiar, and The Book of the Holy Spirit. He is married to the former Bernice Rivers and their marriage produced two children: Risa and Vernon.

Having always admired his mother, for her accomplishments in life, and especially her dedication to her family and church, he is sponsoring this scholarship to honor her after death. He will forever be indebted to her and his father (the late Mayo Marsh) for providing financial and moral support during his college and graduate school education. He is also very grateful to her for having been his constant advisor and unconditional friend.

Frederick Marsh contact information:

Email – scholarship@flmuniverse.com (The email subject line must include: Leola B. Marsh Scholarship)

Telephone – 423.591.2754

All Leola B. Marsh “Footsteps” Scholarship application information may be sent by United States Postal Service (USPS) mail to the following address:

Leola B. Marsh “Footsteps” Scholarship
C/O Frederick L. Marsh, Administrator
P. O. Box 11351
Chattanooga, TN 37401
