



Steve Turner Williams Memorial Scholarship

The Southwest Region Conference Adventist Community Services (SWRGC ACS) Department seeks to engage young adults in compassionate service to their communities. We are recognizing college students who demonstrate exemplary commitment to community services by awarding scholarships. Our scholarships honor the legacy of Steve Turner Williams who was an extraordinary educator, compassionate mentor of youth, life-long community services volunteer, faithful member of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and son of Irene Williams, former South Louisiana Community Services Federation Area Coordinator.

We are pleased to award a minimum of ten (10) scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to college sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The scholarship awards committee may increase the dollar amount of the scholarships based on the availability of funds. Scholarships may be used for tuition, school fees, books, meals, or personal items.

Each SWRGC pastor is invited to contribute \$25.00 or more annually to the Steve Turner Williams Scholarship Fund. Each ACS Federation is encouraged to contribute a minimum of \$100 annually to create additional resources for students who may qualify for a scholarship award.

Students do not need to attend a Seventh-day Adventist college or university to apply. Seven (7) scholarships will be awarded to students who are active members in good and regular standing at a Southwest Region Conference church congregation. If Southwest Region Conference students are attending colleges or universities outside of the Southwest Region Conference territory, then they must attend and serve a Seventh-day Adventist congregation near their college or university. Because we value and affirm our community partnerships, three (3) scholarships will be awarded to students who are not members of a Seventh-day Adventist congregation. The scholarship award will be based on a minimum of 30 documented hours of community service; 3 letters of recommendation from non-family references, one of which must be your church pastor or community services leader; a scholarship essay; a minimum GPA of 2.5; enrollment at a college or university; and US citizenship. Scholarships will be granted as follows:

- one (1) student from the Ark-La-Tex Federation
- one (1) student from the Capital Cities Federation
- one (1) student from the Mountain States Federation
- one (1) student from the North Central Texas Federation

- one (1) student from the Oklahoma Federation
- one (1) student from the South Louisiana Federation
- one (1) student from a Spanish congregation of the Southwest Region Conference
- three (3) non-Adventist students

Scholarship applications will be available on the Southwest Region Conference website beginning April 14, 2025. The application deadline is May 23, 2025. Students must submit their most recent school transcript, three letters of recommendation, and community service documentation. The applications must be completed in English.

Scholarship winners will be determined by June 30, 2025 and announced on July 10, 2025. To receive scholarship funds, scholarship recipients must produce confirmation of enrollment at a college or university by September 5, 2025. Funds will be dispersed by September 12, 2025.

Contribute your \$25.00 or more to the Steve Turner Williams Memorial Scholarship in one of the following ways:

- **Zelle:** Send funds electronically by Zelle to give@swrgc.org. *Type ACS Steve Williams Scholarship on the for or message line;*
- **Cash App:** Send funds electronically by Cash App to **\$SWRGC**. *Type ACS Steve Williams Scholarship on the for or message line;*
- **Tithe Envelope:** Give cash, check, or money order in your tithe envelope and *write ACS Steve Williams Scholarship on the memo line of your check or money order and on a blank line on your tithe envelope;* and
- **Mail:** Write ACS Steve Williams Scholarship on the memo line of your check or money order and mail to

Attention: Community Services
Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
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Thank you! We are grateful for your generosity and support as we encourage our young adults to serve their communities and as we remember the legacy of Steve Williams. For more information about the Steve Turner Williams Scholarship, please contact Denise Green at (214) 943-4491 or dgreen@swrgc.org.

Sincerely,



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