



Mary Stewart Bright Futures Scholarship

The Mary Stewart Bright Futures scholarship (MSBF) is so named after This Scholarship is intended to provide an educational opportunity for graduating seniors of the Godfrey Stewart School in Savanna-la-Mar, Westmoreland, Jamaica. The value of the Scholarship is In addition to a monetary award of the Jamaican equivalent of USD1,000.00 for the 2014-2015 year, in anticipation that this amount will be **available** each year for the next two years.

Mary Stewart worked relentlessly alongside her husband, the founding principal, Godfrey Stewart, to ensure that students would **reach their full academic potential**. It is described as the "... futures scholarship" as it provides an opportunity for the future training for individuals who are keen on a career in Teaching /Educational training. The Scholarship will be disbursed annually at the start of each academic year. It will be monitored by the STAR Committee, established by the Church Teachers' College Alumni Association Inc. to manage all contributions received to support student welfare. All disbursements will therefore be handled by this Committee.

Applicants for the MSBF scholarship must fulfill the below criteria:

1. Be a graduate of Godfrey Stewart High School, Savanna-la-Mar, Westmoreland, Jamaica during the current academic year or year immediately prior to the current academic year.
2. Possess a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5.
3. Have a desire to pursue a degree in teacher education.
4. Received nomination to be a recipient of the MSBF scholarship from the Godfrey Stewart High School.
5. Be able to provide evidence of being accepted by Church Teachers' College, Mandeville, Jamaica.
6. Be able to produce character references from two members of his/her high school.

Scholarship recipients are required to maintain a 2.5 GPA while attending Church Teachers' College and display his/her personal conduct at a level that befits the College's mission statement to "...develop positive attitudes, morals and values so as to be effective leaders in the communities they serve". Failure to meet these conditions will require the recipient to provide a written explanation surrounding the circumstances and corrective actions to improve it. This should be submitted to the STAR Committee before the end of the first semester of that particular year.

The MSBF scholarship recipient will also be required to maintain an education career for at least one year after graduating from Church Teachers' College.

All applications for the MSBF scholarship must be submitted to the STAR Committee by July 31st of the current calendar year. Applications should include:

- a. An essay describing/explaining why the applicant's choice in Education and attending Church Teachers' College; and why the Scholarship should be awarded to him/her.
- b. Evidence of acceptance by the College.
- c. Commitment to teach in a classroom in Jamaica for at least one year after graduation.

The scholarship is for one year only, awarded to a graduate of the Godfrey Stewart High School during its current academic year or the year immediately prior to the current one.

Exception(s):

*Any prospective student, including relatives of alumni, may apply. A STAR Committee member with relative who has applied for the award may lobby on behalf of **any** applicant irrespective of relationship but must recuse him-/herself from the decision-making process. Applications received from immediate relatives of Hope Grant may not be considered.*

Graduates of the Godfrey Stewart High School who are desirous of contributing USD1,000.00 towards increasing the number of available scholarships are invited to contact any member of the STAR Committee. Contribution(s) may be for each of the two years initially. Funding has been secure for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 academic years.