

***Sterling High School
Somerdale NJ
The Mr. William "Bill" Stoudt Scholarship
PO Box 112 Stratford NJ 08084***

General Information

Scholarship Range: \$1,000.00-\$2,500.00

Application due date: Please submit full application to Mrs. Giambri in the Sterling High School Guidance Office on or before *Monday, April 15th of 2024.*

This award will be given at the Senior Awards Assembly in June.

Award money will be given to the student(s) upon successful completion of the 1st semester at any post-secondary institution.

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Memorial Scholarship

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Senior Application

Student Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Name(s) and cell number of parent/guardian with whom you reside:

Before returning your application to the Guidance Office, please make sure you have attached the following information to the application:

1. Your most recent HS transcript.
2. **One** letter of recommendation written by a SHS staff member that specifically addresses the Stoudt Scholarship.

Please complete the following:

1. Briefly describe your post-graduate plans:

2. List your co-curricular activities while at SHS:

3. List any community activities or involvement:

4. List any honors or accomplishments during your time at SHS:

5. Read the two attached documents that best describe Mr. Stoudt. The obituary was written by Charles Mitchell and William Masciulli, both members of SHS Class of 1974. The Inquirer article was written by Sam Carchidi, a member of the SHS Class of 1973. You may also want to talk to someone who knew Mr. Stoudt personally. After reading the documents and using only the space provided on the next page (or 1 page typed), answer the following question in a well-organized and concise essay.

Why am I deserving of the Mr. Stoudt Scholarship?

Popular Sterling coach dies



Bill Stout, who liked to challenge his players on the field and in the classroom, retired to Montana in 1993

Bill Stout, 74, had a lasting impact on many of his players.

By Sam Carchidi, Inquirer Staff Writer
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Bill Stout was so popular as an assistant football coach that after he retired from Sterling High School and moved to Montana, it wasn't unusual for his former players to make the long trek and visit him and his wife, Linda.

Three of his former players - Charlie Mitchell, Bill Masculli, and Dave Paulsen - traveled to Montana last month to be with him during his final days. Stout, 74, died after a short battle with leukemia.

He left hundreds of admirers.

"Bill Stout was a great man," said Mitchell, who played football for Stout and was by his side in his final hours. "I loved him like a father."

Stout was a little man with a gruff exterior and a fondness for wearing cowboy hats. He was an old-school coach who worked his players hard on the practice field, then cooked pancake breakfasts for them at his house. Long after he retired, when he heard one of his ex-players or former students was in a family or personal crisis, he was quick to send an e-mail and offer his support from Montana.

Stout, a Pocatello native who captained the football and basketball teams at Spring City High, was on head coach Jim Combs' staff, and they helped Sterling - in Semetdale, Carnden County - put together one of the most dominating streaks in South Jersey history. The Silver Knights went 40-2-1 in a championship-filled four-season period (1974-77).

Combs, a South Jersey legend, died about 21 months ago at age 82. "It's like a one-two punch in the rib cage," former Sterling player Mike Sheridan said about the two deaths.

Stout was fondly nicknamed "Wild Bill" because of his hard-driving personality. Sheridan recalled how his freshman team, which had Stout as one of its coaches, kept the players on the practice field - without lights - until 9 on the night after a humiliating defeat.

When Sheridan complained to his mother about the long practice, she didn't feel sorry for her son or his teammates. "She told me, 'You shouldn't have lost.'"

Added Sheridan: "For all of us, he was a mentor and a father figure, unrelenting in his demand for excellence, and he had a lasting impact on all the students he taught."

"He used to have a saying - 'We love you, win or win.'"

Masculli, 56, an investment adviser in Norfield, N.J., said Stout was "somewhat of a wild man with the stunts" he used - for instance, giving them extra drills if he didn't like the way they performed after a victory - as a football and wrestling coach.

"But he really pushed academics and culture on us as students," he said. "He was the first one to get us to the Philadelphia Art Museum. He took me to South Street and Little Italy in Philadelphia just to show what's out there. They're the type of things he did for lots of students."

Added Masculli: "As hard as he was on us on the football field and in wrestling, you found out after you graduated that he would speak highly about things you accomplished to the next kids in school. He would rough you up when you were there - and then put you on a pedestal after you left and use you as an example."

Mitchell, 55, a retired Army lieutenant colonel who now resides in Dallas, said Stout was the hidden weapon behind Sterling's remarkable success.

"He kept kids in school by challenging them in the classroom to get the most out of themselves, and he was the same way" on the football field, said Mitchell, a general manager for an HVAC company. "He will live on through a lot of people. He would always say, 'Live life with no regrets.' . . . And that's what he did."

In 1983, after he retired and ended a 30-year career as a Spanish teacher, Stout and his wife moved from Carnden to Stevensville, Mont., a small town near the Idaho border.

They lived simply. They raised dogs, a horse, guinea hens, and ducks - his wife cultivates six organic vegetable gardens - and resided in a log cabin, situated on a 10-acre plot that overlooks the Bitterroot Mountains. In Montana, Stout volunteered at the local library and taught English as a second language to children.

"He was always giving," Mitchell said.

Stout's former players have created a Sterling scholarship fund in his memory. Checks should be made to the Bill Stout Scholarship Fund and sent to P.O. Box 112, Stratford, N.J. 08084.

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