

The Reecie Stagnolia Jr. Memorial Scholarship

The Reecie Stagnolia Jr. Memorial Scholarship is awarded through the generosity of Mr. Stagnolia's family.

Mr. Stagnolia was a longtime educator who served from 1962 to 1988 in the Harlan County Public School District and the Lynch Independent School District. During his tenure, Mr. Stagnolia served in numerous capacities including teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He served as chair of the Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College Board of Directors and was an active proponent of development in his community.

The scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,500. All Harlan County High School seniors are eligible to apply.

Applications are due to the guidance office by noon on Thursday, April 15, 2021. *Applications shall be sent to the selection committee on this date. Please submit your application as early as possible to avoid any problems with inclement weather delays and closings.*

To apply for this scholarship:

- 1) Complete all components of the Harlan County Community Scholarship Application, whether you are applying for that scholarship or not. Please submit the application along with the release of information authorization.
- 2) Write a 500-750 word essay to include the following:
 - A. Why you believe you are a good candidate for the Reecie Stagnolia Jr. Memorial Scholarship;
 - B. Demonstration of your past/present contributions to your community, school, family, and church, and how you plan to contribute to these areas in the future;
 - C. Documentation of family members who were students of Mr. Stagnolia or who worked as one of his employees in the education field. This is not a required criterion, but it may be used by the selection committee to distinguish between the final candidates.
- 3) Provide any additional reference letters you wish outside the three required for the Harlan County Community Scholarship. Please indicate your relationship to these additional references.

Should you have questions, please contact your guidance counselor or Jeff Phillips at 606-573-4330, or email at jeff.phillips@harlan.kyschools.us