

ALABAMA STONEWALL JACKSON MEMORIAL FUND
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 894-X-1
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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894-X-1-.01 Description Of The Alabama Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund.

(1) The Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund is a non-expendable trust fund established by the Alabama Legislature in 1955, as Act No. 529. The purpose of the fund, as established in the legislation, is "to memorialize that great American and Confederate general, 'Stonewall' Jackson, through a program of education initiated by Stonewall Jackson Memorial, Incorporated, including both essay contests and scholarships."

(2) The enabling legislation established a Board of Trustees for the Fund and specified that the members be the Alabama Superintendent of Education, the Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, and the President of the Stonewall Jackson Memorial, Incorporated.

(3) The program is publicized through the Alabama high school guidance counselors and through available teacher e-mail lists. The program coordinator sends notices of the program each year in January.

(4) The enabling legislation provided that the fund be used to award re-payable scholarships to Alabama students.

(5) Agency Contact: To obtain information or to make submissions or requests, contact the Public Services Division of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington

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894-X-1-.02 Adoption, Amendment, And Repeal Of Rules. A petition requesting the adoption, amendment or repeal of a rule must be submitted in writing to the office of the Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Each written petition shall state with particularity facts sufficient to show the person seeking relief is substantially affected by the rule. Each petition will be reviewed and presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees of the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund for consideration and disposition at the next Board meeting. The Board shall either deny a petition in writing on the merits stating its reasons for the denial or shall initiate rule making procedures in accordance with Code of Ala. 1975, Section 41-22-1 through 41-22-27.

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894-X-1-.03 Rules For The Awarding Of Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund Repayable Scholarships.

(1) The Board of Trustees administers a yearly essay contest for Alabama high school seniors. The essay must be an original work of 1,500 - 2,500 words on a topic or issue that relates to the life of Stonewall Jackson. The Board of Trustees may establish a specific theme for a year's competition or may leave the choice to the applicant, at its discretion. A bibliography of sources must accompany the essay.

(2) Applicants must also submit an application form providing necessary personal information such as name, contact information, name and address of high school, and college they plan to attend.

(3) Students can obtain application forms from Alabama high school guidance counselors or directly from the program coordinator.

(4) Essays are judged and rated on the Historical Quality (80%) and Literary Quality (20%). Criteria considered in Historical Quality include historical accuracy, appropriate analysis and interpretation of topic, demonstrated understanding of historical context and perspective, and use of balanced and appropriate research sources as demonstrated in the annotated bibliography. Criteria considered in Literary Quality include originality, organization, grammar and spelling, and adherence to standard citation format.

(5) Essays are reviewed and rated by a Scholarship Evaluation Committee. The members of the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund Board of Trustees each appoint two members to the committee, and the Department of Archives and History coordinates the work of the committee.

(6) The Scholarship Evaluation Committee reviews, evaluates, and ranks essays and selects 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners to receive scholarship awards of amounts determined by the Board of Trustees. The Committee may choose to make a reduced number of awards, or to make no awards at all, if the essays submitted in a given year are judged not to be of sufficient quality to merit a scholarship award.

(7) Winning students must verify acceptance or enrollment in college before scholarships are issued. Checks are payable directly to the institution of higher education.

(8) Recipients must sign a letter of agreement acknowledging their intention to repay the loan within five calendar years of graduation from college or termination of education.

(9) Upon graduation or termination of education, recipients are required to set up a repayment schedule.

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