

State Scholarships for Those Enrolling from Public School

For those of you new to our school and coming from the public school system, we encourage you to look into the following two opportunities:

STEP UP FOR STUDENTS: This scholarship offers an educational opportunity to low-income families by providing children with educational scholarships so they can attend a private or public school of their choice. Under this program, disadvantaged students receive scholarships of up to \$4011 to attend an eligible private school that best fits their educational needs. Scholarships are awarded to students who successfully complete the application process documenting eligibility. For more information visit www.stepupforstudents.org.

FMCS School Code for STEP UP and McKay is 1603.

McKay Scholarship: The McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program expands statewide the school choice program originally created in 1999 as a pilot program. The scholarships are available for eligible students with disabilities to attend an eligible public or private school of their choice. For more information on eligibility go to: www.floridaschoolchoice.org

Attention Donors: Invest in our Children

FMCS is a place that offers positive educational and spiritual growth opportunities in the lives and hearts of our students and their families. We have pursued this mission for over 30 years and plan to continue for many more.

When you provide a donation to our scholarship program, you are investing in the future development of our students. Our students have served both their communities and churches based on their positive experiences at Fort Myers Christian School.

Please call our Business Office at 939-4642. We look forward to helping you with your "investment" in children!



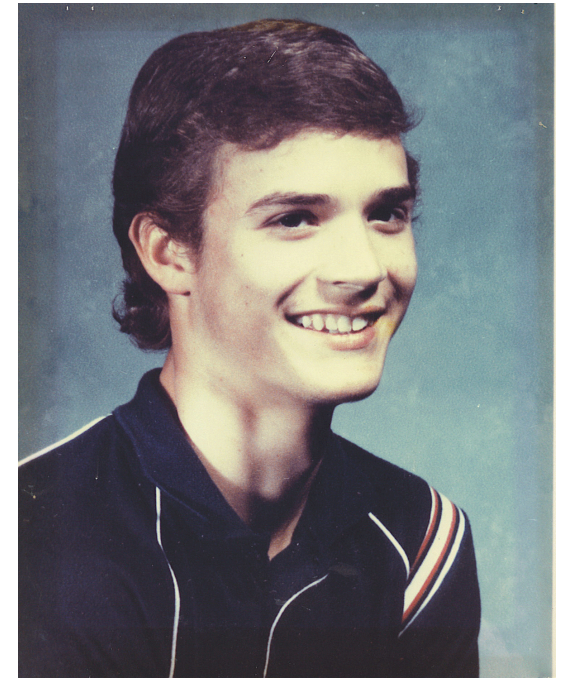
Ft. Myers Christian School
1550 Colonial Blvd.
Ft. Myers, FL 33907

info@fmcs-fl.org
www.fmcs-fl.com

*Making a difference
now...and for eternity!*



David Benton Scholarship Program



**Providing financial
opportunities for families to
afford a Christian education at
Ft. Myers Christian School!**



Who was David Benton?

The 1987 FMCS yearbook was dedicated to the memory of David M. Benton. David passed away during the summer, before his junior year in high school. This is an excerpt from that yearbook: "He was a treasured gift to us and our school. He was a member of the National Honor Society, starter for the varsity basketball team, had a love for baseball, and scored very high in his academics. But of the many things for which he is remembered, his love for Jesus is the one thing he would want us to look back on the most. David was a very special person with an overwhelming love for God - and it showed! He will always be a precious memory in our hearts and will constantly be thought of for who he was - 'a priceless child of God'. "David was a student who tried to set a positive example in his life spiritually, academically and athletically. This is the type of student we are looking for at FMCS!"

Timothy 4:12: Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

The Scholarship Fund

The following criteria is used to determine whether a family is eligible to receive financial assistance:

- * financial need of the family
- * previous payment history at FMCS (if applicable)
- * your child's school performance the previous year
- * third party recommendation from FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition)

As families apply for scholarship funds, we ask them to also contribute as much as possible so more families can be helped by the budgeted money set aside for this project.

Steps to Financial Support:

Step 1: Go to the FMCS website www.fmcs-fl.com and click on the GET FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. At the bottom click on the FAST logo. This will take you to the online application. Please read the instructions carefully.

Step 2: Complete the application and mail all of the required documents to FAST Processing Center. There is a \$36 application fee. They accept Visa and MasterCard only.

Step 3: Once you have completed the FAST application you will need to pick up a FMCS Financial Assistance Application from the Business Office.

This confidential form is used as an objective evaluation of your financial situation and helps in the school's evaluation process in determining the financial assistance award.

Step 4: Fill out the FMCS Financial Assistance Application and return it in a sealed envelope to our Business Office. Please pay special attention to the "amount of financial aid requested" - make sure you fill that in!

Step 5: The confidential results will be mailed to Fort Myers Christian School from FAST.

Step 6: Applications will be considered at each monthly Board Meeting until all funds have been disbursed. Families will be contacted following the Board Meeting.

Step 7: When you receive notice of your financial assistance award, please visit the Business Office to sign the financial agreement.

If you have any questions, please call us at 939-4642.