



Promote awareness.

Steve Morgan Ferman

# Memorial Fund

*For Education of the Gifted*

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education accepts contributions to the Steve Morgan Ferman Memorial Fund.

A contribution can be made at any time by sending a check to the Steve Morgan Ferman Memorial Fund in care of the Gifted Education Section at the Department. You can call (573) 751-7754 with questions about making a contribution. If your contribution is to remember a special occasion or as a memorial tribute, you may indicate this, and an acknowledgement will be forwarded to the individual you are honoring.



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Provide training.



Make a contribution.



The Steve Morgan Ferman Memorial Fund for Education of the Gifted was established in 1982 by Milton and Frieda Morgan Ferman. The memorial has three objectives.

- To promote awareness among parents, educators, and the public of the characteristics, needs and educational requirements of gifted children and youth.
- To provide training and advancement of educational opportunities for teachers of the gifted.
- To support the development and funding of programs for the gifted.

Contributions to the Steve Morgan Ferman Memorial Fund generates interest each year that the Department can use to provide opportunities for teachers and parents to further their knowledge and understanding of the gifted child.

Money from the Steve Morgan Ferman Memorial Fund has been used to help sponsor the New Teachers Workshop.

The New Teachers Workshop is designed to provide in-service training for teachers in districts that are establishing first-time state-assisted programs for gifted students and for educators beginning their first year as teachers of gifted students. The evaluations for these workshops indicate the need for and the value of such an in-service opportunity.

### Provide Opportunities for Teachers, Students and Parents

Monies from the Steve Morgan Ferman Memorial Fund have also been used to help bring nationally recognized consultants to regional sites in Missouri. This has helped to provide equal access to in-service opportunities for teachers, students and parents. Workshops have involved such speakers and topics as: Dr. Donna Ford, "Closing the Achievement Gap;" Dr. Susannah Richards, "Developing Affective Needs of the Gifted Through Literacy;" and Dr. Julia Roberts, "Effective Differentiation."



Funds have also been used to provide assistance for innovative pilot projects which examine alternative identification and selection procedures for low socio-economic status students. Also, the fund is used to support the cost of an advisory committee to examine and suggest possible changes in rules and regulations of state-assisted gifted programs.

*"I thought you were all wonderful and supportive. I enjoyed all of your suggestions and comments. You have settled many fears; I can hardly wait to begin."*

