

**2008**



***Frank Gilbert  
Memorial Scholarship***

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*June 1934 - May 1999*

*The Frank Gilbert Memorial Scholarship was developed by SC PAAE to honor the contributions of Senator Frank Gilbert as a leader in the field of access and equity and to acknowledge outstanding public service of a student of higher education within the state of South Carolina.*

Senator Frank Gilbert was born on June 10, 1934. After graduating from Benedict College (SC) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education in May, he was drafted into the US Army in September of 1957 where he served in the Adjutant General Corps in Germany. Following his stint in the army, Senator Gilbert returned to his alma mater, Benedict, as dean of Men and teacher of freshman guidance. He received a Master of Arts degree in Guidance and Student Personal Administration in Higher Education from the Teachers College of Columbia University (NY). Upon the desegregation of southern schools, he also studied at the University of South Carolina.

Mr. Gilbert gained employment at Wilson High School in Florence, South Carolina in 1964 where he became distinguished as a counselor. Gaining statewide recognition for his uniquely innovative guidance programs, Frank was led to consult with other counselors and schools, and served on accreditation visiting teams to evaluate and accredit schools within the state for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. His establishment of the College Bound Club at Wilson High School in 1968 serves as the model for the regional organization of college day/night programs. Mr. Gilbert was also instrumental in organizing the first Upward Bound program for students who otherwise would not have attended college.

The South Carolina Education Association employed Frank in 1974 where he worked with teachers and their professional association. During his fourteen years with the Association, he distinguished himself as a UniServe representative. In 1975, Mr. Gilbert was elected as president of the Florence branch of the NAACP during which time he organized a demonstration of more than 4,000 Pee Dee residents to protest the killing of a Florence African-American and other killings by white police officers across the state. The demonstration was reported by *Newsweek* as “a scene that the South had not seen in many years.”

Mr. Gilbert made a successful bid for the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1982 becoming the first African-American from the Florence district to do so. After serving six years in the House, he again set precedent in 1988 by becoming the first African-American to be elected to the Senate from Florence.

Senator Gilbert was the recipient of numerous awards including Benedict College’s Distinguished Alumni Award (May 1985), the President’s Citation for Distinguished Alumni from the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (May 1984), and the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree (May 1998). Upon retirement from the South Carolina Education Association and the State Senate, he described himself as “too young to quit and too old to start over,” and continued to work within the community and helping people. He represented the State Department of Education on the South Carolina Business Education Partnership for Excellence in Education Blue Ribbon Committee until his death.



SOUTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ACCESS AND EQUITY

## Frank Gilbert Memorial Scholarship

### Application Procedure

Consideration for the Frank Gilbert Memorial Scholarship requires that the application be completed in full neatly and accurately. All applications must be postmarked no later than **February 15, 2008**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are to be mailed to:

ANGIE ANDERSON  
Medical University of SC  
41 Bee Street  
PO BOX 250203  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29425-0203

*APPLICATION AMOUNT:* *\$1500*

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must:

1. Be recognized as an under-represented ethnic minority on the campus of enrollment.
2. Be a continuing or transfer undergraduate student who has completed a minimum of **12 semester hours**.
3. Have a **3.5 cumulative GPA** or higher.
4. Submit all required material listed below.
5. Attend the annual Scholarship Banquet (**Spartanburg Marriott, Spartanburg, SC on March 20, 2008**).

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Completed applications must include:

1. An **official** college transcript.
2. Two letters of reference.
3. A personal letter detailing your
  - a. Public service,
  - b. Academic and career goals,
  - c. Honors/awards,
  - d. Leadership skills and organization participation, and
  - e. A statement of why you would like to receive this scholarship. (Letter is not to exceed 1.5 pages.)
4. A paragraph defining access and equity and describing how you can assist in achieving access and equity within South Carolina utilizing personal talents and skills.
5. A current photograph (To be used for media purposes if selected as scholarship recipient. Xeroxed photographs will not be accepted)

For questions related to this application process,  
contact the SC-PAAE or Access & Equity representative at your institution.

**FRANK GILBERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

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**APPLICATION**  
(Print or Type)

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/PO Box Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State) (Zip Code)

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE** \_\_\_\_\_ **CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED** \_\_\_\_\_  
3.5 Minimum Requirement 12 Credit Hours Minimum Requirement

**CURRICULUM MAJOR** \_\_\_\_\_

SC PAAE or ACCESS & EQUITY  
**REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**REPRESENTATIVE'S TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_**

**REFERENCES: Please remember to attach reference letters to this application.**

**1) NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_**

**2) NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_**

**Applicant Acknowledgement**

I give the SC-PAAE Scholarship Committee authorization to release information from this application and letters of reference, as they may deem appropriate under the guidelines of the Freedom of Information Act. I further understand that the Scholarship Committee will exercise careful judgment in its selection process and that the decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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