

Matt Oberst Memorial Scholarship

Developed by Sterling Montessori's Class of 2017

Dive directly past choppy waters, see the faces of all the martyrs;
Let the cold just numb your senses, been seeing shapes through faulty lenses;
Clear your eyes so you can see, the way things are supposed to be.

–Matt Oberst

Matt had a way with words, he also had a way with middle schoolers. He enjoyed teaching them, he loved to see them grow and mature into strong, independent people. One of his goals when developing the curriculum for the Middle School was to develop the whole student, while giving them the tools necessary to be successful in everything they do (education, career, and life). He fully believed in the core Montessori principle “Respect the Child.” Matt’s ultimate goal is that Sterling students enjoy their middle school years; they learn the skills necessary to be successful in high school and college; they develop a strong sense of confidence in themselves; and they live a life respecting themselves and each other.

2018 Matt Oberst Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: March 1, 2018 by 11:59 p.m. EST,

Available to: Graduates of Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School in Morrisville, North Carolina who will be attending an Accredited College or University in the Fall of 2018.

Award Amount: \$500

Announcement: Award will be announced in late May and presented in early June at the 8th grade graduation

Submit the following information by the stated deadline sterlingalumni@gmail.com:

- **Your full name**
- **The year you graduated from Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School**
- **The name of College or University you will be attending in the Fall of 2018**
- **Essay response**

Essay should be no longer than one page, double spaced with one-inch margins in 12-point Times New Roman font (roughly 250 words).

2018 Matt Oberst Memorial Scholarship Essay Question:

Elvis Presley was a big part of Matt’s teaching style. He would constantly reference Elvis in class and had multiple Elvis toys and posters throughout the classroom. Find and interpret one Elvis quote and compare it to the moral values you learned at Sterling.