

# The Reuben H. Savanick Memorial Scholarship Fund

Reuben H. Savanick was a devout Christian, avid supporter of Deaf Ministries, friend of the Deaf community, loving husband and father who died unexpectedly on April 23, 2005 at the age of 53. Reuben grew up in Scottdale, Pennsylvania, the hearing son of Deaf parents who were early leaders in Mennonite Church Deaf Ministries from 1978-79 at the former Mennonite Board of Missions, Elkhart, Indiana.

Reuben returned to Scottdale in 1979 and worked as the founding director of Community Deaf Services of Westmoreland Country. He also served the Scottdale Mennonite Church as pastor to the Deaf, interpreting worship services there for almost two decades. Savanick went on to become executive director of the Scottdale Community Civic & Industrial Association and later became treasurer and vice president of operations for the Mennonite Publishing House in Scottdale.

Reuben was a kind, compassionate, caring person. He was a patient teacher, parent and husband. He was respected for his encouraging and positive spirit by his students, employees, colleagues and friends. He was a soccer coach, a Sunday School teacher and a mentor. He cared deeply about the church and about the hearing-impaired community. He became a certified interpreter, pastor to the Deaf and a community organizer of Deaf services. His family is pleased that this scholarship will assist others in their goal of serving the Deaf community.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND

This fund was established after Reuben's death in 2005 with generous gifts from his family and friends. Additional gifts to the fund are both encouraged and welcomed at any time. It is the goal of this scholarship to recognize, encourage and financially assist Deaf or hearing students enrolled at Goshen College who are pursuing professional careers that will support and/or serve the Deaf Community.

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### ELIGIBILITY:

- Have chosen to major in American Sign Language Interpreting at Goshen College
- Have successfully completed their first year at Goshen College
- Have had successful past involvement in high school, community and church activities

### PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING:

- Complete this Savanick Scholarship application.
- Respond to the essay prompt in written English.
- After review by the ASL Department, your application will be submitted to Financial Aid.

### DEADLINES:

- Application due: **March 1**

*turn over to fill out application* ▶

# Savanick Scholarship Application

## PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last* *First* *Middle*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level for fall:     sophomore     junior     senior

## SHORT ESSAY:

*Respond in written English. Please limit your written response to 2-3 typewritten, double spaced pages.*

Describe past experiences that led you to choose a profession related to the Deaf community. Include ways these experiences have influenced your faith journey. In addition, summarize your future plans for study and career. How do you anticipate your education at Goshen College will help achieve your goals?

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## RETURN THIS APPLICATION BY MARCH 1:

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