



**LEADERSHIP AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** (attach additional sheet, if needed)

**School Activities** – clubs, fraternities, organizations etc.

| Activity | Leadership position/awards |
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**COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES** (attach additional sheet, if needed)

**Community Activities** – include volunteer, religious, scouts, etc.

| Activity | Leadership position/awards |
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**STUDENT RESUME**

Please attach an updated resume highlighting your achievements.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

- 3 letters of recommendation sent in sealed envelope with their signature across back seal.
- a. Supervisor/pastor of the non-profit ministry you are representing.
  - b. Mentor or teacher who can attest to your character traits and work ethic.
  - c. Person of your choosing.

## STUDENT ESSAY

Essay: Write a minimum of 500-word essay on the characteristics you portray that are like those of Bobby Shows. After reading about him (Eulogy Attached), reading his biography (Level Field of Play) or talking with someone he impacted, describe Christian character traits you identify with. How are you making a difference for reaching others for Christ? Include specific examples of how the ministry you are involved in has affected your life.

## CERTIFICATION

To the best of my knowledge, I certify that all information on this form is true and complete.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**Your completed scholarship application must include the following in the order listed:**

- A signed copy of this scholarship application form
- A copy of your school Transcript from your high school guidance office or registrar.
- Your Essay
- Your three Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Your Resume

### **Return your application packet to:**

Missouri Baptist Foundation  
PO Box 1113  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
mbfoundation@mbfn.org

**DEADLINE: July 15, 2019**

# Obituary for Robert (Bobby) Carroll Shows, Jr.

Robert (Bobby) Carroll Shows, Jr. passed away on Sunday, September 3, 2017. Bobby Shows was larger than life. Standing at 6'8" tall, with his towering physique you'd think he would be intimidating. But in his kind, gentle way, he made everyone who met him feel like they were someone very important, seen, and loved. Bobby wrote about his desires for his funeral including his "theme Bible verses". Bobby had a unique way of quoting the Bible in his Mississippi accent that made it easy for anyone to understand. One of these verses is Acts 20:24: "But I reckon my own life to be worth nothing to me, in order that I may complete my mission and finish the work the Lord Jesus gave me to do, which is to declare the Good News of the grace of God." His life's goal was to find common ground with people so he could share who Jesus Christ was in his life. With a basketball and a vision, he lived and traveled throughout the U.S. and many countries to fulfill this call. Additionally, Bobby authored five books, numerous media articles and was a very popular speaker for many organizations.

In Bobby's last days, he was telling everyone that he was ready to be in Heaven. No fear or hesitation. He confidently knew he would be with Jesus as you read this now. The following is the obituary he left for us: "I grew up in the rural towns of Union Church, Mars Hill, and Brookhaven, Mississippi to Christian parents, Robert Carroll and Lucille Shows. When I was 19 years old, on the beach of Gulf Shores Baptist Assembly, I was saved. I attended Mississippi State University on a basketball scholarship where I received my Master and Bachelor Degrees. I played on three SEC Championship teams and went to the Game of Change at the NCAA tournament in 1963. Our team accomplished a lot! I was an assistant freshmen coach in 1964 at MSU. I continued coaching high school basketball for two years in Louisville, MS.

Over twenty eight years, I had the honor of serving on four church staffs: Woodland Hills Baptist, Jackson, Mississippi; First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana; First Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri; Park Hill Baptist, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Fourteen of those years were served at Park Hill Baptist. In 1993, I went to work for the Missouri Baptist Convention and continued to serve as a consultant for seven years. God led me to start the ministry of Sport Crusaders in 1994. This ministry is a sports evangelism ministry that uses sports to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I served as the Founder and Executive Director along with so many great people over the years. In 2007, I retired from Sports Crusaders. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers for your support and ministry.

My passion for sports provided me the opportunity to referee basketball games for thirty-years. Thank you to all of my fellow officials, coaches and teams for the many great games and memories. Fishing, hunting, gardening and just being with people are my favorite pastimes. In heaven, I am asking God to put me in charge of the sunrise.

My greatest accomplishment is my 52-year marriage to my "Angel", Jane Shows. My son, Doug Shows and his wife, Corinne have two children, Ashley and John. Ashley's son, Arthur, is my one and only great-grandson. My daughter, Cynthia Walker is married to Lt. Colonel Steve Walker (Ret.) and has two boys, Cole and Caleb. My family brings me the greatest joy and I am grateful for them. I love each of you.

Finally, I need to mention my brothers and their wonderful families. Scotty and his wife Judy and Glenn and his wife Kathy. Thank you for the great memories. Maybe you guys can beat me in that one-on-two game in Heaven someday. Until then, keep sharing Jesus.

I am very proud of my eleven nephews and nieces as well as my many great-nephews and great-nieces. You are special to me.

Thank you to all of my friends and family. We all shared many enjoyable times together. May God bless each of you. My hope is with everyone who reads this old boy's obituary, you will remember me only because I hopefully pointed you to knowing and loving Jesus more. I am with Him now! With that, I leave you with my life verse: "He must increase, I must decrease." John 3:30