

## The early years

The Sigmund Sternberger Foundation was formed by Sigmund Sternberger on April 29, 1955.

The incorporators and the first Board of Directors were:

Sigmund Sternberger  
Rosa Sternberger Williams (Sigmund Sternberger's sister)  
Jeannette Sternberger Baach (Sigmund Sternberger's sister)  
Louis Baach (Jeannette's husband and Sigmund's brother-in-law)  
Leah Louise Tannenbaum (Daughter of Jeannette and Louis Baach and niece of Sigmund Sternberger)

At the first meeting of the Board on December 13, 1955, Sigmund Sternberger was elected President-Treasurer and Leah Louise B. Tannenbaum was elected Secretary. Only the President-Treasurer was authorized to sign checks. \$10,000 was set aside as the initial scholarship fund. Sigmund Sternberger and Leah Tannenbaum constituted the Scholarship Committee.

On November 26, 1963 the Board of Directors became Sigmund Sternberger, Rosa S. Williams, Norman Block, A.L. Meyland and Robert B. Lloyd, Jr.

From inception until the death of Sigmund Sternberger, the Foundation made scholarship awards to individuals and gifts to:

Buffalo Presbyterian Church  
Guilford Randolph Area Girl Scout Council  
Greensboro Heart Association  
Jewish Chautauqua Society  
United Fund of Greensboro  
North Carolina College for Women  
Irving Park P.T.A.  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
Greensboro Jewish United Charities  
Temple Emanuel, Inc.  
Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children  
American Red Cross  
Greensboro Tuberculosis Association  
Salvation Army  
North Carolina Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation  
Oxford Orphanage  
Christ Methodist Church

University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry  
First Lutheran Church  
Coal Springs Methodist Church  
Temple Emanuel Memorial Fund  
Dare County Library  
Brevard College  
Y.W.C.A.  
Children's Home Society of North Carolina  
St. Thomas Florence Chapel  
James Walker Memorial Hospital  
Mt. Hope Cemetery Association, Inc.  
Red Shield Boys' Club  
Greensboro Police Dependent's Foundation  
North Carolina Hillel Foundation  
Guilford County March of Dimes  
Boys Club of America

Sigmund Sternberger died July 19, 1964 at age 77.

During the administration of his estate beginning August 30, 1966, Rabbi Joseph Asher, L. Richardson Preyer and Bryce R. Holt served as directors.

October 3, 1968 Bryce R. Holt, Howard Carr, Sidney J. Stern, Jr., Dr. A.J. Tannenbaum, Leah Tannenbaum and Rosa Williams became directors. Leah served as President, Rosa as Vice President and Sidney as Secretary-Treasurer.

On December 13, 1968 the Foundation hired Robert O. Klepfer, Jr. as Executive Director.