

Cothran Local Missions Youth Leadership Scholarship

Overview

The Cothran Local Missions Youth Leadership Scholarship honors the legacy of Tiff and Doreen Cothran by supporting students who demonstrate the heart of Christ through service. This scholarship is available to one male and one female graduating senior at The Village Church (TVC) who have shown dedication to serving their community.

Eligibility Requirements

- **Affiliation:** Applicants must be children of TVC members (including children of TVC employees).
 - **Service Hours:** A minimum of 20 tracked community service hours is required with a clear record indicating dates, organizations, and hours served.
 - **Essay Submission:** Applicants must submit a 500-700 word essay addressing the following topic, “How has your service experience shaped your faith, and how is Christ magnified in your service?”
 - **Educational Status:** Recipients must be candidates for a degree at a qualified educational institution (see *Definitions below*).
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Award Details

- **Scholarship Value:** \$2,500
- **Number of Awards:** One male and one female recipient annually
- **Use of Funds:** Scholarship proceeds must be used for tuition, enrollment fees, books, supplies, or equipment. Proceeds cannot be used for room, board, or travel.
- **Documentation:** Recipients must submit an academic transcript and an invoice or receipt for qualifying educational expenses.

Application Process

- **Submission Requirements:**
 - a. Essay submitted as a **PDF**
 - b. Service record with detailed dates, organizations, and hours served
 - c. Provide the following information which will be used to contact the winning candidate:
 - i. Student Name:
 - ii. High School:
 - iii. Mother & Father's Name
 - iv. Phone Number(s):
- **Submission Deadline:** April 1, 2026
- **Submit To:** localmissions@thevillagechurch.net
- **Winner Announcement:** Around May 1 and honored at Senior Weekend services in May.

Selection Process

- **Review Panel:** A diverse panel of leaders from ministry, non-profit, education, and business sectors will review applications. The process will be blind to ensure fairness.
- **Decision Criteria:** Consideration will be given to service record, essay quality, and alignment with the heart of Christ in local missions.

Definitions and Financial Considerations

- **Candidate for a Degree:** A full or part-time student pursuing a degree at a college or university or enrolled in a program providing credit toward a bachelor's or higher degree, or preparing students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.
- **Qualified Educational Institution:** An institution with a regular faculty, formal curriculum, and enrolled students in attendance for instruction.
- **Tax Compliance:** Scholarship funds are nontaxable, provided they are not used as compensation for employment and meet eligibility and documentation requirements.

For questions or to submit your application, email localmissions@thevillagechurch.net.