2026 Judge Willie J. Lovett, Jr. Scholarship Application

Lovett Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant must be in his/her Senior year at Choctaw County High School (Butler, Alabama) for the complete 2025-2026 academic year.
- The applicant must enroll full-time, in a four-year private or public accredited college or university in the fall semester of 2026*. Full-time enrollment consists of at least twelve (12) credits per semester or fifteen (15) credits per quarter and the completion of at least thirty (30) semester or forty-five (45) quarter credits annually.

  *If the applicant plans to take a gap year for the fall of 2026, please explain in the application this intent, including details of the gap year. *See attached materials, #5 of application.*
- The applicant must have a 3.30 cumulative GPA or higher.
- The applicant must submit one letter of recommendation from a guidance counselor, teacher, employer, or mentor. *See application for details.*
- The applicant must submit **two (2)** essays with a **maximum of two hundred and fifty (250) words for each**. *See application for details.*
- The Judge Willie J. Lovett, Jr. Scholarship amount is $3,000 per academic year for up to four years of undergraduate course work at a four-year private or public accredited college or university.
- The award is renewable each academic year for the Judge Willie J. Lovett, Jr. Scholarship recipients that (1) maintain a satisfactory cumulative GPA as determined by the Lovett Scholarship Team; (2) maintain full-time enrollment; and **(3) complete a minimum of twenty (20) hours of volunteer work**.

Timeline

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026: THE COMPLETE APPLICATION (INCLUDING ALL ATTACHMENTS) MUST BE ASSEMBLED INTO A SINGLE PDF FILE AND EMAILED NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026. *FOR YOUR RECORDS, PLEASE MARK CONFIRMATION REQUEST OR REQUEST A CONFIRMATION REPLY OF YOUR EMAIL.* THE LOVETT SCHOLARSHIP TEAM WILL REJECT ALL INCOMPLETE AND/OR LATE APPLICATIONS. EMAIL THE COMPLETE APPLICATION TO LOVETTSCHOLARSHIPPROGRAM@GMAIL.COM.

***The transcript can be emailed or mailed directly instead of assembled in the single PDF file. The mailing address is Judge Willie J. Lovett, Jr. Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 278, Fairburn, GA 30213.**

Late March 2026: In late March 2026, selected applicant(s) will be scheduled for a panel interview with designated members of the Judge Willie J. Lovett, Jr. Scholarship Team.

April 24, 2026: Award recipient will be notified by Friday, April 24, 2026.

High School Honors'/Awards' Day (if permissible) – Monday, May 11, 2026: Award will be presented.

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  Please retain your email confirmation.

Date:
Biographical Information
Last Name, First Name, Middle Name:
Address: City/ State/ Zip Code:
Applicant's Telephone Number:
Applicant's Email Address:
Name of Parent(s) / Guardian(s):
Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Telephone Number:
Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Email Address:
Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Employer Name/ Occupation (optional):
Education
High School Name: Choctaw County High School
High School City and State: Butler, Alabama

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Cumulative GPA:
Class Rank (if applicable):
Class Size:
Anticipated Major:
Anticipated Career Path:
List the **full name** of the colleges/universities you have applied to attend – indicating if you have been accepted:
Will you be a first-generation college student? Yes □ No □
Work Experience
Are you employed? Yes □ No □
Employer Name and Address:
Community Service, Extracurricular, and Honors/Awards
Please list your Volunteer Activities (community organizations, charity activities): *You may also attach a resume
Please list your Extracurricular Activities (school clubs, organizations, sports): *You may also attach a resume

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Please list your Honors and Awards: *You may also attach a resume

Attachment Materials

1. Prepare and type **two (2)** essays on the following topics with a **maximum of two hundred and fifty (250) words for each essay**:

- How has your family background affected the way you see the world?
- Not only do we have individual obligations, but we have responsibilities to serve society as a whole including the communities in which we live and work. How will you serve your community after graduating from higher education?

2. Please request your school to email or mail an official copy of the transcript in a sealed method/envelope with the first semester of your 12th grading period included. Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.3 cumulative GPA.

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3. One recommendation letter is needed from a teacher, guidance counselor, employer or mentor with whom the applicant has had immediate contact. The recommendation should address the applicant's level of commitment to higher education, as well as attributes such as creativity, initiative, motivation, character, community service, and academic achievement.
*Recommendations may not come from immediate family members.

4. A photograph of yourself should be included in the application. You should be the only one in the photograph as the photograph will be used for the announcement and other Lovett Scholarship Program media.

5. If there is anything else you would like to share that may help the Lovett Scholarship Team evaluate your application (i.e. personal characteristics, obstacles you have overcome, or gap year plans), please explain that in writing.

Thank you for applying for the Judge Willie J. Lovett, Jr. Scholarship. We will contact you if you have been selected for an interview.

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