

**District:** Tupelo Public School District  
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## STUDENT AWARDS, HONORS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### ROTARY SCHOLARS

In the 1988-89 school year, the Rotary Task Force on Student Recognition was charged with developing a student recognition program. The committee worked with the superintendent of the Tupelo Public School District in the development of the Rotary Scholars Program. The guidelines and criteria of the program were as follows:

1. The program will begin in the 1988-89 school year with grades 7, 8, and 9.
2. The program will increase one grade level each year until grades seven through twelve are included.
3. Thirty students from each class will be included in the recognition.
4. Students who tie for the thirtieth position will be included in the recognition.
5. The grade point average through the third nine weeks will be the criterion upon which selection as a scholar will be based. To determine grade point average the first semester grade will be averaged twice and the third nine weeks grade will be included once.
6. Beginning with the 9th grade class of 2019-2020, a new formula will be used to determine Rotary placement. The average of all Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3 grades will be calculated. To this average, 2 points will be added for each Pre-AP, AP and stand alone dual credit course in which the student enrolled. 1 Point will be added for each accelerated class in which the student is enrolled. The final average will be used to identify the Rotary Scholars.
7. Only grades earned during the current year will be used to determine the Rotary Scholars.
8. Once it is determined that permission under FERPA for disclosure of educational records has been given by the parent, the list of students to be recognized will be provided to the Rotary Club by the guidance office of the respective schools involved.
9. If a student is a Rotary Scholar during the entire period that he/she is eligible to receive such recognition, a special award will be presented to that person in his/her senior year.

Each year the Rotary Scholars will be honored by the Tupelo Rotary Club at a spring banquet to which they and their parents will be invited. The students are recognized and presented a certificate as well as a medal.

### MICKEY LINDER AWARD

The following guidelines have been approved for the awarding of the Mickey Linder Award and Scholarship:

1. Any senior, male or female, athlete or non-athlete is eligible for the award.

2. Nominations may be made from faculty, community members, or students.
3. The student shows courtesy and respect toward classmates, teachers, and administrators.
4. The student gives maximum effort in all educational and extracurricular activities.
5. The student maintains his or her grades at a level commensurate with his or her ability.
6. The student demonstrates high moral character.
7. The student will be appreciative of the scholarship.
8. The student places the good of classmates and others over self.
9. The student exemplifies Coach Linder's integrity, dedication, and commitment to excellence.
10. Financial need will be consideration, but not a deciding factor.
11. Nominations shall be submitted to either the office of the Principal of Tupelo High School or to the Hancock Leadership Center on or before April 1st of each year.
12. The Principal of Tupelo High School will be responsible for establishing a selection committee to recommend the recipient of this recognition.

## BOUCHILLON SCHOLARSHIP

An endowed scholarship to be known as the Loraine Rogers Bouchillon Scholarship has been established for a graduate of Tupelo High School. The Board of Directors of the Tupelo Public School District Learning Foundation will manage and invest the principal amount of \$25,000.00 to assure a maximum return. In accordance with the terms of this gift, no portion of the principal can ever be expended.

The Board of Directors of the TPSD Learning Foundation will make an annual determination by March of each year of the actual amount of the scholarship to be awarded. The principal of Tupelo High School will be advised of the amount of the scholarship, and the principal, or designee, is authorized to proceed with the selection of a deserving recipient.

In accordance with the requests of the benefactor of this scholarship, consideration should be given to the following factors during the selection and awarding process:

1. Preference is given to a talented piano student with needs for assistance.
2. Expenses associated with the selection process will be deducted from investment income.
3. The principal will provide the name of the recipient to the Board of Directors of the TPSD Learning Foundation upon completion of the selection process.
4. The scholarship will be presented in a public awards ceremony to be determined by the principal and will be identified as the Loraine Rogers Bouchillon Scholarship.
5. The recipient of the scholarship will be expected to write a letter of appreciation to:

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