



THE
Gwendolyn “Gwynne” Toney

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP
Class of 2026

Gwendolyn “Gwynne” Toney was an educator in the truest sense. Long before a classroom held her, she was teaching — at the dinner table, on the drive home, in the quiet spaces between. She believed that command of the English language was one of the most powerful gifts a parent could give, and she gave it freely. She prepared children for Gifted and Talented Education, cultivated deep compassion for those with learning differences, and modeled inclusion before it had a name. A devoted woman of faith, Gwynne understood that how you carry yourself matters — in word, and in kindness to others. This scholarship honors who she was: education as a pathway, faith as an anchor, and the way you treat people as everything.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

\$2,500

ELIGIBILITY

- Graduating high school senior, 2026
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Plans to attend college, university, or accredited trade program, Fall 2026

REQUIREMENTS

- Completed application form
- 1 essay response - from 3 prompts
- 1 letter of recommendation (non-family)
- Letter of acceptance of education faculty by September 15, 2026

DEMONSTRATE

- Strong character & integrity
- Service & compassion
- Commitment to learning
- Kindness toward those on the margins

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Thoughtfulness & authenticity of essay
- Evidence of leadership
- Alignment with values of faith & grace
- Commitment to growth beyond the classroom

Deadline to submit application is May 29, 2026
Apply at: THELEGACYSCHOLARSHIP.COM

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Choose one of the following three prompts. 500 –750 words.

I. The Power of Your Words

Gwynne believed the ability to communicate with clarity and confidence could change the course of a life. She taught her children language as an act of love and a gift of power.

Describe a moment when the right words — your own or someone else’s — made a meaningful difference. What did that experience teach you about the power of language, and how do you intend to use your voice going forward?

II. Serving with Compassion

Gwynne modeled service in her faith community and in everyday life — with particular tenderness toward children who learned differently, and those the world often overlooked.

Describe a time when you helped someone in need or served your community — especially someone on the margins. Why was that experience meaningful, and how do you plan to continue serving others as you grow?

III. Faith, Character & the Long Game

Gwynne was a woman of deep faith who understood that integrity isn’t built in a moment. It is built in a lifetime of small decisions — in how you treat people when no one is watching.

Describe a value, belief, or guiding principle that has shaped who you are. Where did it come from, how has it been tested, and how will it carry you through what’s ahead?



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Legacy · Faith · Service

Apply to honor and continue her legacy.