



Clement Railroad Hotel Museum

Awards for Dickson County High School Students

January 2026

The Clement Railroad Hotel Museum is excited to announce two new awards – ***the Frank G. Clement Distinguished Award and the Dockie Shipp Weems Service Award***. Students at Creek Wood High School and Dickson County High School are eligible to apply.

Frank G. Clement Distinguished Award

The **Frank G. Clement Distinguished Award** recognizes a student in Dickson County who has exemplified extraordinary public speaking skills and whose achievements have brought credit to their school and community. The scholar selected will receive a \$1,500 award.

HOW TO APPLY

Eligibility: The Frank G. Clement Distinguished Award will be given to a student in Dickson County who, through both content and delivery, most effectively addresses the assigned topic. ***This year's topic is "The Power of a Speech: What today's politicians can learn from Governor Clement." Students should focus on Governor Clement's national reputation as a speaker and how political communication has changed in the age of social media.***

Application Process: Interested students will need to submit a video recording of a 5–10-minute speech on the topic, the application, and a teacher recommendation here: <https://forms.gle/npRqbGjKkhN5rdEG9>. The awards committee will review the speeches and select 5 finalists. To experience the transformative power of language that Frank G. Clement experienced as a young man, the Clement Railroad Hotel Museum will host an oratory contest where the top 5 finalists will compete, the event will be held on Tuesday evening, April 14, 2026. Students selected as finalists must be present for the oratory contest to be considered for the award.

Application Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026

Dockie Shipp Weems Service Award

The **Dockie Shipp Weems Service Award** recognizes a student in Dickson County who has made a significant, positive impact on the community through service. The scholar selected will receive a \$1,500 award.

HOW TO APPLY

Eligibility: The Dockie Shipp Weems Service Award will be given to a student in Dickson County who, through service and involvement in the community, has made a significant impact.

Application Process: Interested students will need to complete the application and submit a teacher recommendation here: <https://forms.gle/CJrFtecQHxn6E9MPA>. The awards committee will review the applications and select 5 finalists. The top 5 finalists will be invited to participate in an interview at the Clement Railroad Hotel Museum with the awards committee.

Application Deadline: March 2, 2026

Minimal Requirements

- Attend Creek Wood High School or Dickson County High School.
- Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) at the time of application.
- Be in good standing with your respective school.

Questions regarding the application process can be directed to our team, by email at crhm.awards@gmail.com.