



Feed The Hungry Project

To: School Administrators, Guidance Counselors, and Scholarship Coordinators

Subject: The Inaugural Mrs. Louella Thompson Feed the Hungry Project Scholarship - 2026 Gala

JANUARY 26, 2026

Dear Educators,

The Feed the Hungry Project is honored to announce the inaugural **Louella Thompson Legacy of Service Scholarship**, which will be announced and presented during the Feed the Hungry Project Gala on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at the Hard Rock Casino Cincinnati.

About the Feed the Hungry Project

Founded with a mission to combat food insecurity and uplift families in need, the Feed the Hungry Project has served the Middletown and Greater Cincinnati communities for over two decades. Through partnerships with local churches, schools, and volunteers, we provide meals, resources, and hope to thousands of individuals each year. Beyond feeding bodies, our goal is to nourish the future by investing in education, empowerment, and community resilience.

About the Scholarship

The Louella Thompson Legacy of Service Scholarship honors the remarkable legacy of Mrs. Louella Thompson, whose lifelong dedication to faith, service, and compassion continues to inspire our mission. This year marks the first-ever presentation of this scholarship, a meaningful milestone for our organization as we expand our efforts to support students who exemplify the spirit of service and leadership within their communities.

Two(2) scholarships, each valued at up to \$1000, will be awarded:

- **Academic Path Scholarship:** For students pursuing education at a traditional college or university.
- **Career Path Scholarship:** For students pursuing technical, trade, or vocational training.

We invite your school to share this special opportunity with graduating seniors who demonstrate resilience, compassion, and a heart for serving others.

Scholarship applications and full eligibility criteria are included in the attached packet. Completed applications must be submitted by **Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7pm**. The selected recipients will be recognized at the annual Feed the Hungry Project Gala, where our community will gather to celebrate their achievements and honor Mrs. Thompson's enduring impact.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership in helping us uplift and invest in the next generation of leaders. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Starr McGriff (Scholarship Chair) via email at Scholarships@feedthehungryproject.org. Please encourage students to follow this link and apply: [The Louella Thompson Legacy of Service Scholarship](#).

Together, we can continue to nourish the future—one student at a time.



THE LOUELLA THOMPSON LEGACY OF SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

APPLY NOW!

Established to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Louella Thompson, founder of the Feed the Hungry Project, this scholarship recognizes a graduating senior who has demonstrated exceptional compassion, leadership, and dedication to community service. Questions? Email scholarships@feedthehungryproject.org.

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Graduating HS Senior
- ✓ GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ✓ Minimum of 30 hours of community service
- ✓ Active in local or school-based outreach efforts
- ✓ Plans to attend a 2 or 4 year college/university, trade school, or accredited post-secondary program

Application Process



DUE DATE

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Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating high school senior
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Minimum of 30 hours of community service
- Active in local or school-based outreach efforts (preference given to hunger relief or service-related causes)
- Plans to attend a 2-year, 4-year college/university, trade school, or accredited post-secondary program

Application Requirements:

- Completed Application Form
- High School Transcript
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher
- One letter of recommendation from a mentor or community leader
- 500-word essay: "Answering the Call to Serve"
- 1-2 minute video sharing their story and vision for community impact

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*"She fed with her hands, but led with her heart."
The Louella Thompson Legacy of Service Scholarship is an invitation to carry the mantle of compassion forward.*