

Dear Student,

The Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL) is a competitive, fully funded summer leadership scholarship opportunity held at Gardner-Webb University from July 16–19, 2026.

It is an immersive, overnight on-campus experience designed for motivated high-school students who want to grow as leaders, build and expand confidence, communication and conflict resolution skills, and connect with peers from across the region.

All on-campus costs are covered, including:

- Leadership coursework, materials, and swag
- Housing in campus residence halls
- Meals during the program

Transportation to and from Gardner Webb is the responsibility of the student. If transportation assistance is needed, communicate well in advance with the sponsoring Rotary Club so they may make arrangements.

Who Should Apply

Rising high-school juniors and seniors will be given preference for acceptance. A limited number of rising sophomores may be considered based on availability.

By submitting an application, you are confirming that:

- You are available to attend the entire program from July 16–19, 2026
- You have not attended SFTL in the past
- If selected, you intend to accept and participate in the scholarship experience

How Students Are Selected

Students are selected by their sponsoring local Rotary clubs within Rotary District 7680, a network of community leaders who invest in youth leadership development. You may apply without a sponsoring Rotary club, and your application will still be reviewed. However, placement cannot be guaranteed without club sponsorship endorsement due to limited spaces.

The link to the 2026 Student Application is: [SFTL 2026 Student Application](#) .

We encourage students and parents to contact a local Rotary club to express interest in being considered for this scholarship. A list of Rotary clubs and contact information can be found here: <https://rotary7680.org/where-clubs-meet/> .

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