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. Please let me know as early as possible if you need help with transportation, so that we have enough time to arrange it together.

Eligibility to 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

The Student Selection Process

Students are selected by their sponsoring local Rotary clubs within Rotary District 7680, a network of community leaders who invest in youth leadership development. We are the Rotary Club of Charlotte-South (be sure to use in the drop down on your Student Application under *What Rotary Club referred you*).

The link to the 2026 Student Application is: SFTL 2026 Student Application .

Looking forward to speaking with you,

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