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Leaders Education Foundation, with Support from Dixie®, Awards $10,300 in Workforce Readiness Scholarships in West Tennessee

JACKSON, Tenn. (August 31, 2026) – Leaders Education Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, awarded $10,300 through its Workforce Readiness Scholarships, presented by Dixie®. The Foundation allocates these scholarships three times per year, donating approximately $30,000 annually.

"We are proud to partner with Dixie to invest in the students who will help shape the future of West Tennessee," said Leigh Anne Bentley, President of the Leaders Education Foundation. "Supporting students as they pursue their education and career goals strengthens our communities and helps ensure talented individuals have the opportunity to build their futures close to home."

Each year, Leaders Education Foundation awards workforce-readiness scholarships to 30 students. This program provides up to $1,000 to individuals pursuing workforce-readiness programs or industry certifications at community colleges and technical schools across West Tennessee. The most recent cohort recognized in August 2026, represents a variety of institutions and programs in the region.

- **Jackson State Community College** - Nursing
- **TCAT Jackson** - Sterile Processing Technician
- **Jackson State Community College** - Respiratory Therapy
- **TCAT Jackson** - Licensed Practical Nursing
- **Jackson State Community College** - Dental Hygiene
- **Jackson State Community College** - Nursing
- **TCAT Memphis** - Machine and Tooling Technology
- **TCAT Jackson** - Industrial Maintenance
- **TCAT Jackson** - General Construction
- **Jackson State Community College** - Engineering Systems Technology
- **Jackson State Community College** - Radiologic Technology

The application period for scholarships opens annually in April, July, and December. Applicants must be members of the Foundation to be eligible for consideration. Membership is a one-time $10 fee. Scholarship funds can be used for books, materials, supplies, testing fees, tuition, or other related costs associated with their program.

To become a member and Give Forward with Leaders Education Foundation, visit their website at leadersgives.org. For more information about Georgia-Pacific and Dixie®, visit dixiejackson.com.

About Georgia-Pacific - Dixie

Based in Atlanta, Georgia-Pacific and its subsidiaries are among the world's leading manufacturers and marketers of bath tissue, paper towels and napkins, tableware, paper-based packaging, cellulose, specialty fibers, and building products. Their familiar consumer brands include Quilted Northern®, Angel Soft®, Brawny®, Dixie®, enMotion®, Sparkle®, and Vanity Fair®. Georgia-Pacific has long been a leading supplier of building products to lumber and building materials dealers and large do-it-yourself warehouse retailers. The company operates more than 150 facilities, employs approximately 30,000 people directly, and creates more than 80,000 jobs indirectly. For more information about Georgia-Pacific and Dixie, visit Dixie's website.

About Leaders Education Foundation

Leaders Education Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, founded in 2019, as a mission-driven organization dedicated to uplifting communities across West Tennessee through education. Guided by its core mission to 'Make Lives Better, Together,' the Foundation invests in the future by supporting students, educators, and educational initiatives.

At the heart of the Foundation’s work are scholarships and educator grants that empower individuals to pursue academic and professional growth. These programs provide critical financial support and recognition to those who are shaping the future through learning and teaching. Through partnerships and programming, it provides resources for meaningful impact in schools and neighborhoods.

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