



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF DANE COUNTY

## TILLY Scholarship

### ABOUT THE TILLY SCHOLARSHIP

The TILLY (To Ignite Leadership & Learning in Youth) Scholarship is a life-changing opportunity that covers the full Cost of Attendance for up to four years of a bachelor's degree at an accredited university. Created to ignite leadership and learning in youth, this award supports students who demonstrate outstanding leadership and a commitment to positive change, locally or globally.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Attend school in Dane County (Class of 2026)
- Enrolled in AVID Elective Class
- Plan to attend a Bachelor's granting (four year) university
- Demonstrate leadership skills and experience
- Is passionate about a local or global issue and is eager to create positive change

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

#### Completed Formstack application, which includes:

- A list of your extra curricular activities
- 3 Short Essay responses (1250-2500 characters per essay, or approximately 200-400 words):
  - **Tell us why you want to go to college.** (Although you do not need to address every question listed, you may consider: What do you want to study? What experiences are you hoping to gain through classes and outside of classes? How does college fit into your long term goals?)
  - **Describe a situation where you have acted as a leader.** Provide a specific example of how your leadership has impacted others.
  - **As a leader, what is a change you want to make in the community or in the world?**
- 2 Letters of Recommendation - you will need to provide the names and email addresses of both recommenders
  - 1 Academic recommendation (teacher, counselor principal, AVID/TOPS Coordinator, etc)
  - 1 Community recommendation (coach, boss, mentor, etc)

### TIMELINE

**October 13, 2025:** Application opens

**January 31, 2026:** Application deadline

**February 7, 2026:** Deadline for letters of recommendation

**February/March 2026:** Interviews for finalists

**April 17, 2026:** Award announced

Apply at: [bgcdc.org/tillyscholarship](https://bgcdc.org/tillyscholarship)

