

# **Leonard Tate 2026 Scholarship**

*awarded by the*  
**Beersheba Springs Historical Society (BSHS)**

The Leonard Tate Scholarship was established by the Beersheba Springs Historical Society to honor Leonard Tate (1912 – 1989), long recognized as the Poet Laureate of Grundy County. Tate, a lifelong resident of Beersheba Springs, attended Grundy County High School where he began writing poetry. More information on Leonard Tate is available on the BSHS website.

BSHS honors the life and memory of Leonard Tate by offering an annual scholarship to a deserving individual in the amount of \$2,000. The scholarship funds are provided by check directly to the recipient at the beginning of their first period of study.

The Leonard Tate Scholarship is awarded to the individual who best meets the following criteria:

1. The applicant is a graduating senior from Grundy County High School or through a registered home-school program.
2. The applicant has been accepted to and plans to attend an academic college or other higher education institution.
3. Preference will be given to candidates who are planning to focus in an area consistent with Leonard Tate's work (such as Journalism, English, or Education); other focus areas will be considered.
4. The scholarship application must be fully completed including the Letter of Recommendation and be submitted prior to the deadline date. Other letters of reference (e.g., teacher, pastor, community friend) may also be submitted.

BSHS will make contact during the recipient's term of study to understand the impact of the award and will be invited to speak with the BSHS membership at one of the summer programs.

The application form may be found on the Beersheba Spring Historical Society website at <https://www.beershebaspringshistoricalsociety.org/LeonardTate/>.