

## MRS. LEOLA DILLARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

**Mrs. Leola Dillard Memorial Scholarship Foundation** was established after her passing March 20, 2020 in Yazoo County - Yazoo City Mississippi. She was born February 6, 1912 in Bentonia, Mississippi to the parents of Xavier and Roxie Runnels.

Mrs. Dillard attended public elementary and high school in Bentonia, Mississippi. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. After graduating from college, she begins her career as a public elementary school teacher in Yazoo County and taught for more than 27 years. Many lives have been enriched because of her impact and influence. She will be remembered as a woman of conviction, integrity, and generosity.

Mrs. Leola Dillard lived a full and active life serving God and her fellowman. She believed that knowledge is power, and kindness is one of the purest traits to find its way into the human heart. One of her favorite charities was Make A Difference Day. Because of her love for people and her acts of kindness, she was recognized locally, statewide, and nationally, receiving many accolades and awards. She was instrumental in establishing a neighborhood playground after a child was hit by a car while playing in the street. That playground was later named in her honor, Leola Dillard Playground, on Ethel Street (Brickyard Hill) in Yazoo City, Mississippi. Grand Avenue in Yazoo City, Mississippi was also named in her honor, Leola Dillard Way.

Mrs. Dillard was the founder of the Yazoo City Community Civic Club, whose mission was to help children explore the world, earn scholarships, and fulfill their dreams and potentials. She often used a poem she learned as a child to help implement that mission:

### *"The Clock"*

*I hear the little clock as it hangs against the wall; tick ticking time away from all.*

*As it ticks, we dream dreams, yet dream will get you nowhere unless you get up and do something about them.*

*Each tick reminds us that it is time to work to help our fellowman and ourselves.*

*Each tick reminds us to be kind to others and always lend a helping hand!*

*I hear the little clock as it hangs against the wall: tick, tick, ticking time away from us all.*

*If you don't get up and do something about your dream, you will die and your dream will die with you.*

*And the clock keeps ticking on.....*

*-Author Unknown-*

**Mrs. Leola Dillard Memorial Scholarship Foundation** is accepting donations at  
Bank of Yazoo  
104 North Main Street  
Yazoo City, MS 39194

This is a non-profit tax - deductible scholarship foundation, benefiting graduating high school students in Yazoo County - Yazoo City, Mississippi. Scholarship funds will be awarded in memory of Mrs. Leola Dillard.

For more information email or call:

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## 2024-2025 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

### The Mrs. Leola Dillard Memorial Scholarship Foundation

The Mrs. Leola Dillard Memorial Scholarship Foundation (MLDMSF) was established after her passing on March 20, 2020 in Yazoo County-Yazoo City, Mississippi. She lived to be 108 years old. Mrs. Leola Dillard lived a full and active life serving God and her fellowman. She believed that knowledge was power and kindness was one of the purest traits to find its way into the human heart.

The MLDMSF scholarship will be awarded to the student who has consistently demonstrated good citizenship and a dedication to community service. The recipient will receive \$400.00 to be applied toward a college education. The selection of the scholarship recipient will be made by the Scholarship Committee, Principal of the school, and or the Principal's designee from the graduating class of 2024-25.

<b>Qualifications:</b>	
Eligible student must:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be a Yazoo City (County) High School Senior</li> <li>▪ Have Good Citizenship and Community Service Activity</li> </ul>
<b>Student Information:</b>	
Name:	_____
Date of Birth:	_____
High School:	_____
Graduation Date:	_____
*Application signed by principal, counselor or teacher	_____
Intended College or University:	_____
Letter of Acceptance from the College or University	
<b>Application Requirements</b>	
<b>The MLDMSF Committee would like the selected student to write a brief essay describing how he or she made a difference in the lives of others through community service.</b>	
<b>Please submit the essay and supporting information to the MLDMSF by <u>April 25, 2025</u> to the following address:</b>	
<b>Mrs. Margaret Dillard McGlown</b> <b>1955 Popps Ferry Road Apt. 1051 J</b> <b>Biloxi, MS 39532</b>	
If you have questions, please contact: Mrs. Bessie Dillard Walker (708) 986-6393 <a href="mailto:Bwalk94@sbcglobal.net">Bwalk94@sbcglobal.net</a>	

**\*School Official:**

\*Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_