



Anthony "Tony" Gobar Juvenile Justice Scholarship

Anthony "Tony" Gobar of Jackson, a long-time juvenile justice specialist, died of a heart attack at age 53 in the summer of 2004. He was a man who had dedicated himself to making his community a better place, especially when it came to troubled youth who found themselves in the state's criminal justice system.

A Breaux Bridge, Louisiana native and Southern University graduate, Gobar began working in job training at a community action agency in Louisiana before moving to Jackson and joining the Department of Criminal Justice Planning as a Program Manager. He worked later as a juvenile justice specialist after his division became part of the Department of Public Safety.

Herbert Terry, director of the Justice Programs Division at the Department of Public Safety, said Gobar was "one of the most professional, caring, sincere, unselfish and honest persons that I have ever worked with or known. He worked untiringly to improve the juvenile justice system in Mississippi."

The National Coalition for Juvenile Justice in Washington, D.C., established an award in his name for individuals working in the juvenile justice field, and he was posthumously honored by the Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

"Tony found his greatest joy in the simple things in life," his wife, Angela, said in a news release. "He served God as a parishioner of Holy Family Catholic Church in Jackson. Tony was known for and will be remembered for his selfless spirit and willingness to always help another person."

PURPOSE AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

The Anthony "Tony" Gobar Juvenile Justice Scholarship Fund will provide an annual scholarship based on both merit and need for a full-time junior or senior at a public university in Mississippi or at Southern University in Louisiana majoring in criminal justice, political science, social work, pre-law or counseling.

The student must have a stated career interest in juvenile justice or a similar field and have demonstrated a strong commitment to community and public service.

The scholarship is a one-time award up to \$2,500 (non-renewable each year). The award may be used for tuition, books and room and board.

The selection committee for the Anthony "Tony" Gobar Scholarship will select finalists

who meet the application deadline and stated selection criteria.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen with a current grade point average no less than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants must demonstrate a financial need and must be provided via the student's university or college financial aid office.

If a student meets the above stated eligibility criteria, he/she must submit the following:

- The Anthony "Tony" Gobar Scholarship application form including a statement of career interest and a description of community and/or public service activities.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation.
- Financial aid information verified via the University or College Financial Aid Officer

Applications are due June 30, 2024.

NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified about the status of their application in writing and may be invited to receive their award during the Annual Mississippi Juvenile Justice Conference.

ANTHONY "TONY GOBAR JUVENILE JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Part I. To be completed by Scholarship Applicant

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

College Attending: _____

Year in College: Junior _____ Senior _____

Current G.P.A. _____

Citizenship _____

Major: _____

Anticipated graduation date:

Briefly describe your career interest in juvenile justice or a similar career path.

Describe any community and/or public service activities you have directly participated in or initiated in the past three years. Also, indicate your plans to continue a commitment of public service. Attach an additional page, if necessary.

Part II. Letters of Recommendation. Include three (3) letters of recommendations (one from a former or current teacher, one letter from a supervisor where the student participated in community and/or public service and one from a person of the student's choice).

Part III. Demonstration of Financial Need – The applicant should sign and forward this completed application to your University's Financial Aid Office, in conjunction with the applicant's regular submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

I, _____ hereby Authorize _____
Applicant's name College or University

To advise the Scholarship Committee as to my demonstrated financial need for the purposes of my application to the Anthony "Tony" Gobar Juvenile Justice Scholarship Fund.

Date: _____ Social Security _____

To: Financial Aid Officers

Please forward the requested information to the Anthony Gobar Juvenile Justice Scholarship Committee, c/o The Community Foundation for Mississippi, 119 South President Street First Floor, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 on or before June 30, 2024.

I have reviewed the FAFSA of the above-named student. The demonstrated financial needs is:

Estimated cost of attendance	\$ _____
Expected family contribution	\$ _____
Anticipated aid from other sources	\$ _____
Estimated Need	\$ _____

Financial Aid Officer

Address

Telephone/Email Address

***Please return this completed form to the Community Foundation for Mississippi.
Attention: Cynthia Buchanan
119 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201***

Selection and Certification Sheet Scholarship Selection

Publicity

If selected as a scholarship recipient, the applicant's name, hometown, school, field of study, activities, awards/honors, and other non-confidential information will be released to the media to publicize the award. The recipient will also be asked to provide a photograph for issuance with the press release(s). Please provide your local media information below.

Primary newspaper: _____
Address: _____
Television Station: _____
Address: _____

CERTIFICATION

I (we) certify that all the information in this packet is true and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge. If asked by any authorized official of the Community Foundation for Mississippi, I (we) agree to provide documentation for information given on these forms. I (we) realize that failure to comply with a request for further information may prevent the applicant from receiving any aid. All required attachments are included. The applicant certifies that any essays or personal statements attached are his or her own works and, to the best of his or her knowledge, correct. The applicant further grants permission for the Foundation to release non-confidential information to the media should he or she be selected as a scholarship recipient.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent or Spouse's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified by mail or email about the status of their application no later than **August 15, 2024.**

Scholarship funds will be distributed directly to the institution of the applicant's choice no later than **September 1, 2024.**

QUESTIONS

Please contact the Community Foundation for Mississippi at 601.974.6044 or email us at info@formississippi.org.