

# CREATING A Brighter Future

**Sawyer "Tommy"  
Thompson, Jr.  
Scholarship award**

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awarded annually to  
graduating high school  
seniors**

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**Applications Due :  
FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025**





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## **SAWYER "TOMMY" THOMPSON, JR. 2025 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

The River Center is proud to announce its annual scholarship opportunity for two local, graduating high school students. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000. This program is made possible by an award from Loxahatchee River District.

To qualify, students must be in their senior year and in good standing. Applicants should submit a 1000-word essay that communicates their understanding of the Loxahatchee River and its watershed, as well as the benefits provided to the river through wastewater treatment and water recycling. Applicants should include volunteer work associated with the river and/or projects completed that are of benefit to the river and its ecosystem. Essays should include:

- A demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Loxahatchee River and Watershed.
- Student participation in service toward the protection of the Loxahatchee River (e.g. volunteering with environmental organizations such as the River Center or other organizations, in a cleanup event, or special project).
- A demonstrated understanding of water resources in the Loxahatchee River Watershed including the benefits to the river from wastewater treatment and water recycling.

The Loxahatchee River District was founded in 1971 with the mission to preserve the Loxahatchee River and its natural habitats by implementing innovative wastewater solutions, furthering river research efforts and fostering environmental stewardship. Wastewater treatment plants are imperative for public health, as well as the protection of our community's natural resources, such as the Loxahatchee River watershed. Recycling treated wastewater, a program started in 1983, was an important addition to the Loxahatchee River District services, and provides additional protection for the Loxahatchee River. The River Center's mission is to foster a sense of environment stewardship for the Loxahatchee River's diverse watershed with quality education programs, exhibits and meaningful events. ***We believe by investing in the education of our local students, we are investing in the future of the Loxahatchee River.***

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### **Applications are due Friday, March 21, 2025**

#### **Application Requirements:**

- Applicant's Name, Address, Phone, and Email address
- 1000-word essay that includes the bulleted points above.
- 1 Teacher Recommendation (from a current teacher – preferably math or science)
- List of special projects or awards that relate to environmental science (if applicable)
- List of volunteer organizations & total hours completed at each organization (River Center/Loxahatchee River District volunteer hours beneficial)

#### **Send Completed Applications to:**

**Jocelyn.ONeill@lrecd.org**

River Center

Attn: Scholarship Competition

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Jupiter, FL 33477

**Selected Recipients will be announced on Friday, April 18, 2025**