

The Cottonwood Valley School Governing Council scholarship was created to recognize a student who, through citizenship, scholarship and generosity of spirit, epitomizes the values, which we hope all of our graduates will come to demonstrate. The awardee must be an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, and is recommended to the governing council by teachers. The scholarship was created to assist in the funding of the education of the winning student beyond high school.

The scholarship winner receives a certificate at the graduation ceremony, and shortly thereafter has their name engraved on a plaque (originally purchased from [www.plaquemaker.com](http://www.plaquemaker.com)). Further, \$200/year is allocated from the school budget to fund the purchase of a savings bond (typically series E) in the student's name. Because of the way savings bonds work, this \$200 contribution on behalf of the student can fund a \$400 savings bond. The student usually works directly with the bank to provide their information, and then the school's business manager authorizes the bank to release the funds to buy the savings bonds.

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