

\$1,000 Coach Chuck Cotton Memorial Scholarship

THERE IS NOTHING MORE SPECIAL THAN BEING THE CHILD OF A COACH....

"GIVE ME YOUR BEST!" ~ COACH CHUCK COTTON

COACH, DAD, BROTHER & FRIEND

By Daughter, Colby Leigh Cotton

Is there anything more special than being a coach's daughter? Probably not....

LIFE IN THE BLEACHERS

Like you, I grew up in the stands, on the sidelines, in the gym and in the dugout.... there was something special about being included in the huddles and team meetings.

IN THE FIELD HOUSE

As a little girl I would anticipate my dad returning from the field house; which was typically late at night. And I remember how the field house was full of plays on white boards, family pictures on coach's desks (which they rarely saw during football season) and certainly the smell of dirty athletes. I remember watching my dad do the laundry for his players, tend to their aches and pains and even give rides home for those that needed them. It's where the brainstorming happened, the late nights with the coaching staff working toward the next big win. It was sacred ground. Only a coach's kid would understand.

COACHING FROM THE HEART

They give it all. They give time, support, lessons, discipline and hugs when needed. They inspire, lead, challenge and encourage their athletes. In essence, they help mold who their athletes become as individuals.

WHAT IT MEANT TO BE A COACH'S DAUGHTER

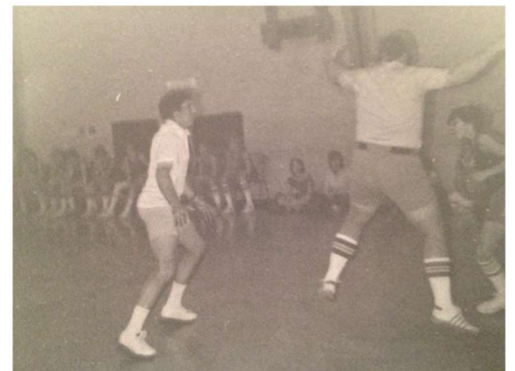
As I grew up a coach's daughter, I learned many things from my dad. I learned how to stay the course, try a little harder than the last time, run through the finish line, encourage my teammates and hold them accountable on and off the field.

My dad, Coach Chuck Cotton, was an incredible man that many were blessed to know. He too was a coach's son.

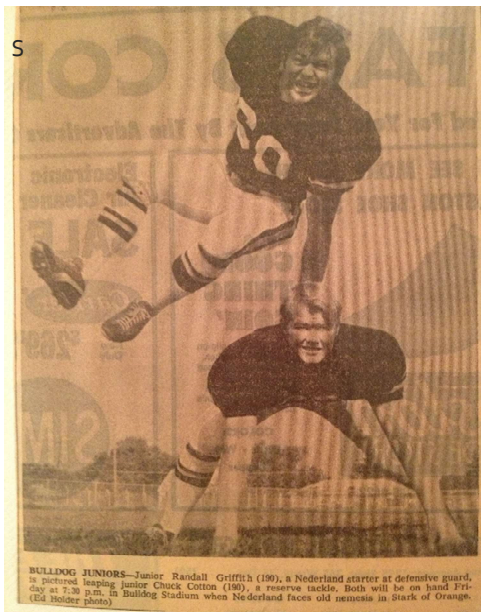


BORN AN ATHLETE

As the son of a coach, it goes without saying that Coach Cotton grew up an athlete. A great athlete. From Bradford Elementary School in San Angelo, Texas to Nederland High School in Nederland, Texas.



COACH, DAD, BROTHER & FRIEND



Whether you're a son or daughter and your coach is your dad or your mom, you get it.

There is something special about being a coach's kid. You stand out from the other kids because the impact your parent makes on them. They care about not only you but many other athletes and that makes them special.

Who do you call your coach?



My dad inspired me to coach both my boys from age 3 to age 10. They are some of the best memories I have ever made.

"Colby Leigh Cotton"

Coach Chuck Cotton

This \$1,000 scholarship is offered in honor of Coach Chuck Cotton and all the coaches we have lost. Dalton & Dylan Cotton will announce the winner on May 15, 2026. Grandsons and athletes, Dalton and Dylan, were both athletes during their middle school and high school years. Their mom often coached them in their Elementary years.

Grandson, Dylan Cotton



**DEADLINE TO POSTMARK APPLICATION IS:
APRIL 15, 2026**

Mail To: Coach Chuck Cotton
Memorial Scholarship Contest
Attn: Dalton & Dylan Cotton
PO BOX 66386
Austin, Texas 78766

Winner Announced May 15, 2026

Grandson, Dalton Cotton



APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ESSAY

Submit a 1000-word essay topic: **Growing Up as a Coach's Kid**

To enter, you must meet the following requirements:

You must be a high school senior during the school year 2025-2025

You must reside in Texas/Must have participated in high school UIL athletic sports, past or present

Along with your application & essay, submit 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, principal, or school counselor

Full Name: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Contact Number & Email: _____

Age: ____ Gender: ____ Birthday: _____ GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____

Athlete's School: _____

Coach/Parent's Name: _____

Coach's School: _____

Where do you plan to attend college: _____

Major/Degree: _____

What UIL sport(s) did you play in high school: _____

What sport(s) does your parent coach: _____

Where did you hear about this scholarship: _____

Tell us anything else you would like us to know: _____
