The Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship
Eligibility Criteria & General Information

2027 Scholarship Amount: $5,000.00

Eligibility Criteria:

1. The student (male or female) must be enrolled at and participating in MHSAA interscholastic ice hockey at a member school.
2. The student must be a senior and will graduate during the school year in which the award is being applied for.
3. Student must have or will have lettered by the completion of their senior high school hockey season in at least two (2) varsity sports, to include hockey, in which the MHSAA sponsors a post-season tournament.
4. The student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale. You may not round up a 3.4x grade point average for the purpose of qualifying.
5. The student must be enrolled at an accredited public or private college or university by October 1st following his or her high school graduation to receive the scholarship.
6. The student must be of high moral character, demonstrate a strong faith in God, a love for this country and a commitment to community service.
7. The student must also demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship, exceptional leadership, integrity and a positive attitude toward all individuals.

Application:

1. The head varsity hockey coach may nominate any student-athlete that meets the above criteria for this scholarship.
2. A valid application consists of the following:
    a. Completed application form.
    b. A 500-word typewritten essay on the topic stated in the application.
    c. Typewritten letter of recommendation from the Varsity Hockey Coach.
    d. Two additional typewritten letters of recommendation (at least one being from a high school administrator, teacher or counselor).
    e. An official school transcript showing their cumulative GPA through their junior year.
    f. An official senior year course schedule from their academic advisor.
3. The application is available in Adobe PDF format from the Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship web site – **www.RyanFischer.org** To use the online application:
    a. Download the files
    b. Fill out the information
    c. Save a copy for your records
    d. Print the documents
    e. Submit the application to your school's athletic director no later than **January 29, 2027.**
4. All Applications must be typed. No hand-written applications will be accepted.
5. Do not attach any additional materials such as certificates or awards.
6. Please staple all items in the following order: (1) Three-page application form, (2) Essay, (3) Letters of recommendation, (4) Ice hockey coach's letter of recommendation (5) Official school transcript. (6) Official senior year course schedule. Do not submit using folders, covers or binders. All information must be typed.
7. School Athletic Directors are responsible for certifying applicant eligibility, signing, and submitting the application to the scholarship committee. Applications are to be submitted to:

    The Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship
    5143 4th Ave SW
    Grandville, MI 49418
8. The completed application and all required attachments must be received as one package by the scholarship committee no later than 5 pm (EST) on **February 5, 2027.** The scholarship committee is not responsible for delays caused by the AD/school's choice of delivery service. Applications received after the deadline will not be judged. No exceptions.

Judging

1. Applications will be reviewed by the Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship administrative team, board of directors, and select MHSAA hockey coaches from across the state
2. The judging process will take place through March 7th, 2027.
3. The scholarship committee will meet to select the scholarship award recipient per the committee's by-laws.

Notification

1. All written communication will be sent to school athletic director and head ice hockey coach.
2. The President of The Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship will notify the winning award applicant during the week after judging.
3. The RyanFischer.org web site will be utilized for the public announcement of scholarship recipient.
4. Winning recipient is required to submit one (1) color photograph to the scholarship committee within one (1) week of notification.

Awards

1. The award will be presented one to two weeks following the MHSAA ice hockey finals. The President of the Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship board will make arrangements to present the award.
2. The scholarship will be paid directly to the award recipient's college or university.
3. The scholarship recipient shall receive a trophy.
4. The scholarship recipient's name will appear on the Ryan Fischer Legacy Award trophies located at Grandville High School and the home ice arena of the Grandville varsity hockey team.