The Ryan Fischer Bulldog Legacy Scholarship
Eligibility Criteria & General Information

2027 Scholarship Amount: $5,000.00

Eligibility Criteria:

1. The student (boy or girl) must be a senior and will graduate from Grandville High School, Grandville, MI during the school year in which the award is being applied for.
2. Student must have or will have lettered by the completion of their senior year in at least one varsity sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a post-season tournament.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The student must also demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship, exceptional leadership, integrity and a positive attitude toward all individuals.

Application:

1. 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 a Varsity Head 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 the **first semester** of their senior year.
2. 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 – Click on "**Bulldog Legacy Scholarship Application**" tab.
    b. Fill out the information,
    c. Save a copy for your records
    d. Print the documents
    e. Submit the application to your athletic director no later than **Friday, March 26, 2027**
3. All Applications must be typed. No hand-written applications will be accepted.
4. Do not attach any additional materials such as certificates or awards.
5. Please staple all items in the following order: (1) Three-page application form, (2) Essay, (3) Letters of recommendation, (4) Varsity head coach's letter of recommendation (5) Official school transcript. Do not submit using folders, covers or binders. All information must be typed.
6. 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 Bulldog Legacy Scholarship
    5143 4th Ave SW
    Grandville, MI 49418
7. The completed application and all required attachments must be received as one package by the scholarship committee from the AD no later than 5 pm (EST) on **Wednesday, March 31, 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 and board of directors.
2. The evaluation process will take place through April 25, 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 appropriate school administrators.
2. The winning applicant will be announced at the Senior Academics Award Ceremony.
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 official award will be presented at the Senior Academics Award Ceremony in May.
2. The scholarship will be paid directly to the award recipient's college or university.
3. The scholarship recipient shall receive a personalized award in addition to the monetary award.
4. The scholarship recipient's name will appear on the Ryan Fischer Bulldog Legacy Award Plaque located at Grandville High School.