Ryan Fischer Bulldog Legacy Scholarship

Application and Information

Applicant Information

PLEASE USE FILLABLE ADOBE PDF ON WEBSITE - handwritten or incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Twitter/Instagram/Facebook: _____

Applicant email: _____

Parent email: _____

School you plan to attend/course of study: _____

Sports in which you received varsity letters:

FALL: _____

WINTER: _____

SPRING: _____

Important Information About This Application

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Enrollment:** Student must be enrolled and participating in interscholastic athletics at Grandville High School, Grandville, MI.
- **Senior Status:** Student must be a senior graduating during the **2026 - 2027** school year.
- **Varsity Letters:** Student must have or will have lettered by the completion of their senior high school senior year in at least one varsity sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a post season tournament.
- **3.50 GPA:** Student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. You may not round up a 3.4x grade point average for the purposes of qualifying.
- **Additional Criteria:** The student must be of high moral character and demonstrate a strong faith in God, love for his/her country, and a commitment to community service. The student must also demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship, exceptional leadership, integrity, and a positive attitude toward all individuals.

Application Sections, Letters of Recommendation and Helpful Hints:

- **Extra-Curricular Section:** Focus on significant participation and leadership experiences, athletic achievements, academic awards and community involvement.
- **Short-Answer Questions:** Use this space to answer the questions that will tell us more about how you have lived a life like Ryan (200 words maximum). Be creative in your response by using personal stories or specific examples.
- **Essay:** Write an essay on the topic contained in this application form (500 words maximum). Be creative - the judges will be reading dozens of essays and you need to make yours stand out! Tell the judges a personal story and provide examples.
- **Two Letters of Recommendation:** Approach teachers, school administrators, youth group leaders or others in your community and have them write recommendation letters so the judges can learn even more about you. There is a two page maximum for each letter. These two letters are in addition to your varsity coach's Letter of Recommendation.
- **Varsity Coach Letter of Recommendation:** Who best to comment on your character, leadership and total contribution to your team, school, and community than your coach? Sports awards awards are nice to know, but we want their true opinion of you.

Additional Notes:

- The scholarship value for 2027 is $5,000.00.
- Application must be typed. Handwritten and incomplete applications will not be judged.
- **Read** and follow the detailed instructions in the ***Eligibility Criteria and General Information*** page found on the "Bulldog Scholarship" tab at www.RyanFischer.org.
- The **Application Form** is online at the scholarship website. (1) Download the file (2) Fill in all information (3) Save a copy for your records (4) Print the documents (5) Add the 3-page Application Form to your scholarship Application Packet.
- **Application Packet** consists of the following: (1) 3-page Application Form (2) Essay (3) Two Letters of Recommendation (4) Varsity Coach's Letter of Recommendation (5) Official School Transcript (6) Official senior year course schedule.
- Please staple all items in the order specified above. Do not attach additional materials such as certificates or awards.
- **Turn your Application Packet into your school Athletic Director by Friday, March 26, 2027.**
- The **Athletic Director** must follow submission directions on the ***Eligibility Criteria and General Information*** page. The AD must ensure applications are received by the scholarship committee by **Wednesday, March 31, 2027**.

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Extra-Curricular Activities Form

Name: _____ High School: _____

On this form, list the most significant out-of-classroom activities you have been involved in. When listing leadership positions and awards, please list the most significant awards in the comments area provided. **You are limited to this form - you may not alter this form or attach additional pages.** Remember, this must by typed.

Instructions: For the "Athletics" section, please indicate level played in boxes: "9" for freshman team, "JV" for junior varsity team, "V for varsity team. In the "Other Activities" section, place an "X" in the appropriate boxes.

ATHLETICS

Sport Played	9	10	11	12

List significant accomplishments, awards received and leadership positions held:

OTHER SCHOOL & NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

This includes, but not limited to, student government, music/band, drama, clubs, volunteer work and paid employment.

Organization/Project/Employer	9	10	11	12
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Short Answer Questions

Please answer the following questions:
(Please use no more than 200 words for each question).

1. God, Country, Family, Friends - these four entities formed the core of Ryan's being. Pick one of them and tell us why or how it is important to you and how it affects your life.

2. There are countless scholarships available to high school seniors - why do you want to win this particular scholarship?

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Essay

ESSAY TOPIC: Ryan Fischer accomplished more in his 17+ years than most will in a full lifetime. It is a life well worth emulating and it is why we have challenged students to ***Live Like Ryan*** and ***Leave a Legacy***. What will your legacy be?
Be creative - the judges will be reading dozens of essays and you need to make yours stand out! (500 words maximum on a separate piece of paper).

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Athletic Director: _____ Date: _____