

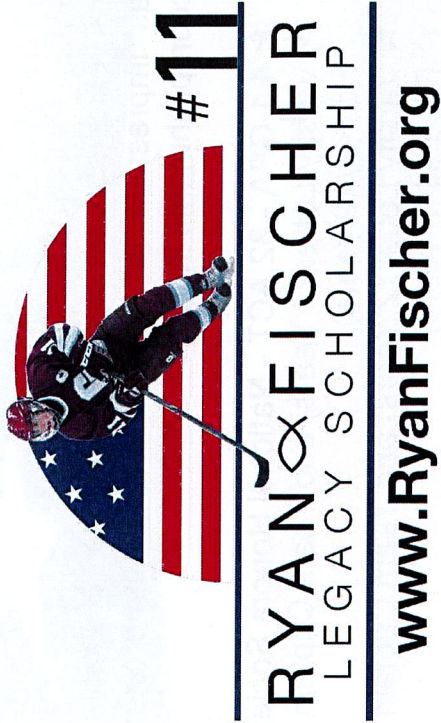
Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship

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The Purpose of the Award:

- To **REMEMBER** and **HONOR** the life of Ryan Fischer and all he stood for through his strong faith in God, his passion for his country, his unconditional love for all others and his zeal to live life to its fullest.
- To **ENCOURAGE** and **CHALLENGE** varsity hockey players to live a life that represents the integrity, character and sportsmanship that Ryan displayed in all facets of his life.
- To **RECOGNIZE** one senior varsity hockey player, boy or girl, from the state of Michigan that best reflects Ryan's life.
- To **ESTABLISH** and **PROMOTE** a standard for all amateur athletes.

The "**Ryan Fischer Legacy Award**" consists of a *one-of-a-kind* trophy and a one-time college scholarship to the school of the recipient's choice. This year the award will be **\$5,000.00**. The name of the recipient will also be placed on a permanent trophy in Grandville High School and the home ice arena for the Grandville High School ice hockey team.

In addition, a **\$500 donation** will be made to the scholarship recipient's Hockey Program.

Nominations for the award will be made by varsity hockey head coaches of any MHSAA member high school team.

The award will be presented each spring after the conclusion of the MHSAA playoffs

Criteria:

Applicant will be:

- A senior in High School with a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA.
- Accepted to a college and/or university (Scholarship made payable to Institution only)
- A varsity letter recipient in at least two varsity sports including hockey.
- An individual of high moral character and able to demonstrate a strong faith in God, a love for this country and be committed to community service.
- One who demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship, exceptional leadership, integrity and a positive attitude.
- An individual who can be a friend to everyone, regardless of race, gender, religious beliefs or social status.

Please ask your high school hockey coach or school's athletic director for information on how to apply for this scholarship or visit:

www.RyanFischer.org

Applicants must complete and follow the guidelines for submitting the applications no later than **January 30, 2026**. Guidelines and applications can be found on the website noted above.

Questions or concerns can be directed to:

RyanFischer11@comcast.net



Ryan Fischer was one of the best. The kind of person that the world needs more of. The kind of person that makes everything and everyone around them better. A kind, positive, intelligent and proud young man, Ryan was full of promise and endless possibility. He was a beloved son, brother, teammate, and schoolmate. On March 7th, 2014, Ryan died in his sleep from complications caused by an enlarged heart.

Ryan excelled both on and off the ice. His resume was impressive to say the least. Some of his accomplishments include:

- ★ 4.1 GPA - 32 ACT - National Honors Society
- ★ Varsity Letter (3 Years) and Team Captain in Hockey (2 years)
- ★ Varsity Letter (2 Years) and Team Captain in Football (3 years)
- ★ Varsity Letter in Baseball
- ★ Student Government Executive Board Member (4 years)
- ★ MHSAA Student Advisory Council Member
- ★ MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award Winner
- ★ General Electric Star Scholarship Winner
- ★ Meijer Scholar Athlete Award Winner
- ★ Accepted to the United States Military Academy at West Point
- ★ Accepted to the United States Naval Academy
- ★ Logged 700+ Hours of Community Service
- ★ Youth Group Leader and 3 Year Mission Trip Participant





Hello Michigan High School Guidance Counselors!

Applications are now available for The Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship!

The Ryan Fischer Legacy Award was established to Honor the life of Ryan Fischer and the legacy he left the Michigan hockey community. The award celebrates one outstanding senior varsity hockey player (male or female) who best exemplifies the character and values by which Ryan lived his life and the influence they have had on their team, their school, and their community.

We need your help! The scholarship board is asking for your assistance in discovering this year's recipient. Here is what you can do for us:

- Take a minute or two to review the attached trifold brochure for an overview of the scholarship
- Visit our website, www.RyanFischer.org to learn about Ryan and why this scholarship is special. Encourage your players to do the same!
- While on the website, make sure to view tributes by Jack Doles (local sportscaster in Grand Rapids), his friends, and others in the "News & Events" tab.
- Encourage those eligible, outstanding student athletes on your school's hockey roster to apply.

This year's winner will receive a one-time college scholarship valued at **\$5,000**.

The recipient's high school hockey program will also receive a **\$500** donation from the scholarship foundation!

Applications are due to your school's athletic director no later than **January 30, 2026**.

The Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship board sincerely appreciates your time and effort in identifying applicants. By doing so, you continue to promote Ryan's Legacy – one truly worth sharing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "William D. Fischer".

Scott Fischer
President - Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship

The Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship Eligibility Criteria & General Information

2026 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 30, 2026**.
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 6, 2026**. 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 8th, 2026.
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.



Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship Award

Application and Information

Applicant Information

PLEASE TYPE ALL INFORMATION – Handwritten or Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Accepted

Name: _____

Sports in which you received varsity letters:

High School: _____

FALL: _____

Home Address: _____

WINTER: _____

City, Zip Code: _____

SPRING: _____

Twitter/Instagram/Facebook: _____

Applicant email: _____ Parent email: _____

School you plan to attend / course of study: _____

Important Information About This Application

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Enrollment:** Student must be enrolled and participating in interscholastic athletics at an MHSAA member school.
- **Senior Status:** Student must be a senior graduating during the 2025-2026 school year.
- **Varsity Letters:** Student must have or will have lettered by the completion of their senior high school hockey season in at least two varsity sports to include hockey 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 their 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). Again, 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 coaches, 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 hockey coach's Letter of Recommendation.
- **Varsity Hockey Coach Letter of Recommendation:** Who best to comment on your character, leadership and total contribution to your team, school, and community than your coach? On ice awards are nice to know, but we want their true opinion of you.

Additional Notes:

- The scholarship value for 2026 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 "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) Hockey 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, January 30, 2026.**
- **Athletic Directors** must follow submission directions on the **Eligibility Criteria and General Information** page. ADs must ensure applications are received by the scholarship committee by **Friday, February 6, 2026.**

Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship Award Extra-Curricular Activities

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 be typed.

Instructions: For the "Athletics" section, please indicate level played in the 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

List significant accomplishments, awards received and leadership positions held:

Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship 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?

SAMPLE

Ryan Fischer Legacy Scholarship Award 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: _____

High School: _____ City: _____