

Timberline High School Booster Club
Sharon LaBuda Memorial Scholarship
Scholarship guidelines
2024-2025 School year

Applications must be received in the THS Counseling office by end of school day on **April 11, 2025**.
Late applications will not be accepted.

1. Sponsorship

This scholarship is sponsored by the Timberline High School Booster Club. Funds are generated from the contributions of our members and Booster Club fundraising activities that take place throughout the year.

2. Eligibility

A candidate must meet each of the following conditions:

- a. Be a senior, in good standing, at Timberline High School
- b. Plan to attend any accredited 2- or – 4-year university, college, community college, or vocational/technical institute beginning in the fall of the student’s graduating year.
- c. Parent/Guardian/Student must be an active/lifetime THS Booster Club member or Board Member (prior to December 31 of the current school year).

3. Scholarship awards

1 scholarship valued at \$500 will be awarded to selected THS graduating senior. Scholarship will be applied towards school tuition, fees, and costs. Scholarship must be used during the school year following high school graduation. Payment will be made directly to the educational institution upon the award recipient’s submission of a statement to the Booster Club Treasurer.

4. Criteria for Selection

In awarding scholarships, the Timberline High School Booster Club shall evaluate the candidates based on the following criteria:

- a. Character, integrity, and personal qualities.
- b. Embody a well-balanced high school experience.
- c. Academic achievement.
- d. Additional meaningful participation in an activity outside of school (work, community service, volunteer, etc.)
- e. Essay must be typed with double-spacing. The font must be no larger than 12, Times New Roman.

5. Application package must include the following

- a. The completed scholarship application
- b. Copy of transcripts
- c. 2 letters of recommendations
- d. Essay
- e. Blank rubric sheet

6. Submittal of applications

- a. Application packages must be delivered to the THS Counseling office or emailed to Ms. Bosenberg @ dboesenberg@nthurston.k12.wa.us, or placed in the Booster Club Mailbox, by the end of the school day on **April 11, 2025**. **No Late Applications will be accepted.**
- b. Applications can be obtained in the THS counseling office or on the THS Booster Club page or the Timberline High School Booster Club Facebook page.
- c. Scholarships will be presented at the THS Senior Honors and Awards night in May/June.

This application is also available on:

The THS Booster Club page: <https://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/Domain/208>

The Booster Club Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/779221293266567>

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Application form
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Complete this application and return it, along with the requested items and a BLANK grading rubric sheet to the Timberline High School Counseling office by end of the school day, **April 11, 2025**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Name: _____

Address: _____ city/state/zip: _____

Email: _____ phone: _____

Parent/guardian name: _____

Email: _____ phone: _____

Next year I plan to:

_____.

List all current activities/clubs you are involved in:

_____.

List any work experience- grades 9-12: _____

_____.

Any additional information you would like to share with us (travel, awards, volunteer experience): _____

_____.

What is your favorite tradition at Timberline High School? _____

_____.

Scholarship application check list

- Completed application
- Essay must be typed with double spacing. Times New Roman font, no larger than 12.
- Using 300-700 words. Write about a tradition that is important to you and why? How did you first experience it/where did it originate? How has this tradition affected you and your choices in life and both now and for after high school? You may include additional areas in your life the tradition impacted. (Work, community service, travel).
- Provide a copy of your transcript through first semester of your senior year. (If applying prior to first semester ending, include your transcript through junior year.)
- 2 letters of recommendations:
 - One from a coach, teacher, or administrator at THS
 - One from a community member that is not affiliated with THS or a family member. (Employer, volunteer coordinator, rec/travel coach)
- Rubric/score sheet- BLANK

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Rubric Sheet

Applicants do not fill this out, form to be used by reviewer only.

Applicant name:	
Reviewer name:	

0	Did not meet expectation
1	Somewhat met expectation
2	Met expectation
3	Exceeded expectation

Essay Criteria	Score	comments
Described a tradition that is important to the applicant and why?		
Described where the tradition originated and when they first experienced it?		
Described how the tradition affected them?		
Described how the tradition helped them with their choices for after high school?		
Included other areas in life that the tradition impacted? (Work, volunteer experience, travel, etc.)		
Used 300-700 words		
Format: used proper grammar and spelling and punctuation, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12- font		
Total Essay Score		

Other Criteria		
Cumulative GPA		5 points: 4.0 4 points: 3.0 – 3.9 3 points: 2.0 – 2.9 0 points: 0 – 1.9
Total other criteria score		

Bonus Points (Filled in by Booster Club Scholarship Committee Chair)		
Applicant or family member participated in 3 Booster Club events per year.		3 points per year (Booster Club President will verify)
Applicant participated in a club/activity/sport.		4 points max (1 point per year/per activity)
Total Bonus Points		

Who was Sharon LaBuda

June 30, 1951 - December 26th, 2023

Ms. LaBuda was an integral part of the Timberline High School staff, having joined our school in 1987 and serving faithfully until her passing.

Over her remarkable 36-year career at Timberline and her additional years of service in the State of Montana, Ms. LaBuda evolved from being more than just a counselor; she became a cherished friend and respected colleague. Her impact on our school and Lacey community is immeasurable.

Ms. LaBuda's legacy extends beyond the professional realm. She leaves behind a trail of unwavering support and guidance for the thousands of students whose lives she touched. Her memory will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

As we reflect on Ms. LaBuda's positive influence, let us honor her by remembering the profound difference she made in the lives of so many. May her spirit of compassion, dedication, and kindness serve as a guiding light, inspiring us to emulate the remarkable life she led. – Timberline High School administration

When I first began my leadership role at Timberline, I was informed that “The Blazer Way” - was synonymous for many staff members as “the right way”. We are a school that values traditions above all.

Young, fresh, and eager to do my best in my new role I sought out to honor traditions, while also creating new ones. Sometimes my “new” ideas were met with hesitation because change can feel uncomfortable and hard. One of my biggest early critics was a person who had earned every right to question my motives. She was the “mother” of Timberline and had been working there for over 25 years. I’ll admit it stung a little in the beginning when she’d dismiss an idea I pitched. But she always- always- came back around with constructive suggestions and I would go back to the drawing board. In the end what I came up with was always better because of her push.

I was terrified in 2016 when it was my first year to oversee graduation- I made a lot of errors and it likely didn’t run as smoothly as gradations past had, but when “the mother of Timberline” came up to me at the end of the night, and patted me on the back and said, “great job, Beth!” It meant so much because I knew she meant it. And from then on, she was one of my biggest champions.

The magnitude of Sharon’s loss has not even begun to be fully felt- She would be the first to send out a “shout out” email and always proud to boast of all “our students” were capable of. She had so much pride in all we do in Blazer territory. She loved Timberline with every single fiber of her being and was “The Blazer Way” personified. Change is hard and uncomfortable, and it can sometimes cause pain. Today, as we came together as current and former staff members - to hug and cry and share- I felt our deep traditions and foundation - we were all woven together by “The Blazer Way”-by Sharon LaBuda’s way. Forever green & gold. 🧡

- Beth Belisle (teacher/activities coordinator at Timberline)

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