

2026 Ridgeland High School PTO Lee Boozer "Do Right" Scholarship

Applicant Guidelines

Overview

The "Do Right" Scholarship, established by the Ridgeland High School PTO in honor of Mr. Lee Boozer, awards two graduating RHS seniors \$1,500 each for demonstrating integrity, leadership, and commitment to doing what's right. This packet includes all required components for students, recommenders, and counselors.

Scholarship Criteria

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be a graduating RHS senior
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher
- Exhibit strong character, leadership, and exemplary attendance/discipline
- Be involved in school activities, community service, or employment
- Have a parent/guardian who is a paid member of the RHS PTO
- Submit proof of acceptance to a community college, trade school, or 4-year college
- Submit all materials **no later than April 2, 2026.**

Criteria	Points
Completed Application	10
Parent/Guardian is RHS PTO Member	10
Resume	20
Essay	40
Two Letters of Recommendation	20
Total	100

Disqualification Criteria:

- GPA below 2.50
- Parent/guardian is not a paid RHS PTO member by the application deadline
- Essay is found to be plagiarized or not the original work of the student
- Essay does not meet the minimum one-page requirement
- Failure to submit proof of college/trade school acceptance
- Incomplete application (missing required documents or components)

Note: All essays will be reviewed using plagiarism detection software to ensure originality.

Application Checklist

Requirement	Completed	Comments
Application Form		
Student Essay (Typed)		
Student Resume (Typed)		
Two Recommendation Emails		
Proof of Acceptance Letter		
Parent/Guardian PTO Member	☐ Yes ☐ No	

Submission:

Completed Application
Parent/Guardian is RHS PTO Member
Resume
Essay
Two Letters of Recommendation

Submit application, essay, resume, and proof of acceptance to front office. Recommenders will email their submissions You will provide a copy of the counselor verification form. Counselors will email the completed verification form.

Scholarship Disbursement:

The scholarship check will be presented to recipients at Ridgeland High School Senior Class Day. Recipients are expected to use the scholarship funds solely for qualified educational expenses to support their post-secondary education.

Recommenders will submit to rhsptoboozerscholarship@gmail.com by April 2, 2026.

The counselor will email the verification form to rhsptoboozerscholarship@gmail.com by April 2, 2026.

Questions? Email - rhsptoboozerscholarship@gmail.com

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Application

Parent/Guardian Information

Are you a paid member of RHS PTO? ☐ Yes ☐ No

PTO Membership Eligibility Requirement: To be eligible for the Lee Boozer Do Right Scholarship, the applicant's parent or guardian must have an active, paid membership in the Ridgeland High School PTO at the time of application submission. Please note that PTO memberships must be renewed each school term to maintain eligibility.

Parent Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Grades Attended at RHS (check all that apply): ☐ 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th

Current GPA: _____

Post Secondary Plan

Proof of acceptance

1. Accepted Institution: _____

Type of Institution: ☐ Community College ☐ Trade School ☐ 4-Year College

2. Accepted Institution: _____

Type of Institution: ☐ Community College ☐ Trade School ☐ 4-Year College

3. Accepted Institution: _____

Type of Institution: ☐ Community College ☐ Trade School ☐ 4-Year College

Essay

Note: The essay must be the student's original work. Submissions that are plagiarized or AI-generated will be disqualified. All essays will be checked using plagiarism detection software.

Submit a 1-page minimum original essay (Typed) responding to one of the following prompts:

- Describe a moment when you had to make a difficult decision guided by your personal values. What did you learn?
- What does "doing right" mean to you, and how do you apply it daily?
- Reflect on a challenge that tested your character. How did it shape you?
- Describe a value you strive to live by. How has it influenced your decisions?

Student Resume

Include a resume listing the following (Grades 9–12):

- Awards, honors, and recognitions
- Extracurricular activities and leadership roles
- Community service and/or employment

Letters of Recommendation

One letter must be provided by a RHS Teacher/Coach/Counselor or Administrator, and the second letter must be provided by someone who is not affiliated with RHS i.e. mentor, pastor, supervisor or community leader.

Recommenders will email form to rhsptboozerscholarship@gmail.com

Accountability Statement

By submitting this application, I confirm that all information provided is truthful and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting false information or plagiarized materials will result in disqualification. I acknowledge that my essay must be my original work, and I agree to abide by the scholarship committee's decisions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submission Instructions

- Complete all sections of the application.
- Submit the following materials:
 - Completed Application Form
 - Original Essay (Typed)
 - Resume (Typed)
 - Proof of Acceptance
 - Provide recommendation forms to two recommenders. Recommenders will email form to rhsptboozerscholarship@gmail.com
- Submit all documents at once by the specified deadline to the designated PTO contact or upload to the provided submission portal. **INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

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Counselor Verification Form

Applicant Information:

Student Name: _____

Current GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____

Please verify that the student meets the following eligibility criteria:

- ☐ Is a graduating RHS senior
- ☐ Has a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher
- ☐ Demonstrates satisfactory attendance and discipline records
- ☐ Is involved in school activities, community service, or employment (as documented by the school)
- ☐ Has submitted proof of acceptance to a community college, trade school, or 4-year college

Additional Comments (optional):

Counselor Name: _____

Counselor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submission Instructions:

Please submit this completed form via your school-issued email account to rhsptoboозersscholarship@gmail.com.
. All submissions must be time-stamped **no later than** April 2, 2026.

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Letter of Recommendation

Instructions for Recommenders:

You have been asked to complete a recommendation form for a student applying for the 2026 Ridgeland High School Boozer “Do Right” Scholarship. This scholarship honors students who demonstrate strong character, leadership, and integrity—values that reflect the phrase “Do Right.”

Your honest and thoughtful feedback is a vital part of the selection process. Please complete the form below and return it **no later than April 2, 2026.**

Recommender Information

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Occupation/Title: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Student Information

Student Name: _____

Short Answer Questions

1. What are the student’s greatest strengths?

2. Describe an instance where this student demonstrated strong character or leadership.

3. Do you believe this student embodies the values of the "Do Right" Scholarship? Why or why not?

4. Would you recommend this student for the scholarship?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ With Reservations (please explain)
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Recommender Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please submit this completed form by emailing it directly to: rhsptoboozerscholarship@gmail.com

Thank you for your time and support for this scholarship.