

Ryland Strong Application

Due April 15th, 2026

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the Ryland Strong Scholarship.

The Ryland Strong Foundation Scholarship was established in honor of the late Ryland Harris, a noteworthy three-sport athlete who excelled in wrestling, football, and baseball. Ryland, who was a transfer student, had a strong connection to Brentsville District High School and knew, without hesitation, that it was the perfect school for him. The scholarship seeks to commemorate Ryland's sportsmanship and passion for Athletics and Turf Management by supporting deserving students who exude similar traits of dedication, perseverance, and excellence.

The Ryland Strong Foundation will be awarding a \$1000 scholarship to an outstanding Student Athlete who is a team player in all aspects of life. (one time given scholarship)

To qualify for the Ryland Strong Foundation Scholarship,

1. Applicants must enroll in a higher education institution, including universities, colleges, or vocational schools.
2. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA
3. Applicants must have letter in at least one Varsity Sport
4. Applicant must have personal qualities that reflect Ryland's admirable character, such as determination, perseverance, and a passionate pursuit of excellence. Please include a short 600-word or less essay explaining how you demonstrate these qualities by answering the three prompts in the essay portion of this application.
5. Applicant must include a letter of recommendation with additional context and insight into the applicant's academic abilities, work ethic, character, and achievements. Letter of recommendation should be by a faculty member at Brentsville District High School

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The Ryland Strong Foundation Scholarship Application

This application must be completed and returned to Amy Kerns in the counseling office, along with the letter of reference (see attached form) no later than April 15th, 2026. Please type or print neatly.

Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Mailing Address: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

(if not same as above)

OVERALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____

COLLEGE ATTENDING IN 2026-2027 _____

PLAN TO MAJOR IN COLLEGE: _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC EXPERIENCE & AWARDS/HONORS EARNED: _____

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Write an essay 600 words or less on the following:

1. How did playing sports at high school level impact the four years at BDHS?
2. If you were ushering upcoming freshman during orientation. Would you encourage them to play sports? If so, what would you say about athletics and how they fit into BDHS life?
3. How do you think the faculty, coaches and student body perceive you on and off court/field/mat?

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Ryland Strong Foundation Scholarship Essay

