



Alan R. Ryan Scholarship Application

Scholarship Description

The scholarship was established in 2013 by Alan and Margaret Ryan to provide tuition assistance during 9th through 12th grade to attend a Catholic high school within Kent County, Michigan. The goal of the scholarship program is to encourage academic accomplishment and community leadership. The scholarship is administered by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation.

Scholarship Award

Recipients will receive financial assistance in 9th through 12th grade. Upon acceptance to and entrance into Aquinas College for undergraduate studies, the scholarship will continue for a total of four years of undergraduate studies. Awards will generally be \$2,000.

Application and Selection Process

Applicants must:

- 1) Be completing 8th grade at a school located within Kent County Michigan
- 2) Be entering 9th grade at Catholic Central or West Catholic High Schools
- 3) Be a Kent County resident
- 4) Demonstrate financial need by completing a financial form
- 5) Have an expressed intent to attend Aquinas College for post-secondary education
- 6) Demonstrate a B average or above academic record
- 7) Complete an essay that includes the applicant's definition of leadership as part of the application form
- 8) Submit two recommendation letters (500 words or less), one being from a teacher

Application Instructions

Keep this page for your information and submit the application along with your essay and two recommendation letters by **March 1** by email to scholarships@grfoundation.org.

Direct any inquiries to: Ruth Bishop, Education Program Officer 616-284-4903

Email: rbishop@grfoundation.org

Unusual Circumstances (Please report any family, personal, financial circumstances or unusual family responsibilities you believe warrant consideration.) *Parent/guardian may complete this section.*

Step 2

Financial Information: This scholarship is based partially on financial need. A parent/guardian must complete the Financial Information Page of this form and include with the application at the time of submission to Grand Rapids Community Foundation.

Step 3

Attach the following items to your application form. Applications missing any of the required items will not be considered complete.

Essay:	Attach a typewritten essay (500 words or less) <u>written by the student</u> . Include your <u>definition of leadership</u> within the essay and include your <u>reasons for your intent to attend Aquinas College</u> .
Report Cards:	Attach copies of your 7 th and 8 th grade report cards
Letters of Recommendation:	Attach two signed letters of recommendation (500 words or less) from a school administrator, teacher, counselor, coach, minister/priest/rabbi, neighbor, or any other adult not related to you. One of the letters must be from a teacher .

Step 4

School Administration verifies that student is in good standing with positive academic record, behavior and attendance.

Signature of School Administrator _____ Title _____
You may sign electronically by typing your name.

CERTIFICATION:

We certify that all information on this form was completed by the student applicant and is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. If asked by any authorized official of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, we agree to give documentation for information given on this form. We realize that this proof may include a copy of a U.S. tax return and/or state income tax return. We realize that failure to comply with a request for further information may prevent the applicant from receiving any aid. If selected to receive a scholarship, we agree to the use of our name, likeness and information contained in this application (excluding financial information) for promotional purposes for the Grand Rapids Community Foundation without further compensation or notification.

Applicant's Signature (Required): _____ Date: _____
You may sign electronically by typing your name.

Parent/Guardian Signature (Required) _____ Date: _____
You may sign electronically by typing your name.

Submit via email to scholarships@grfoundation.org along with essay, letters of recommendation, report card copies, and financial form by **March 1.**

ALAN R. RYAN SCHOLARSHIP
FINANCIAL INFORMATION FORM



STUDENT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ HOME PHONE _____

Privacy Policy: The Grand Rapids Community Foundation collects and uses personal information such as: name, address, phone number, and e-mail address when a grant applicant voluntarily provides it to us. The information is used to generate reports for advisory committees as part of the selection process. In addition, the Foundation keeps applicant information on file for auditing purposes and ensures that documents are properly disposed of. The Grand Rapids Community Foundation does **NOT** sell, trade, or share personal or financial information with any other organization.

Financial Information: This scholarship is based partially on need and **you must complete this section** in order to be considered. Applications without financial information will be returned as incomplete.

INCOME

Total adjusted gross income of your family (from 2022 IRS Tax Form) \$ _____

Number of people dependent on the above income _____

Total number of family members who will attend college at least half-time in 2024 _____

Other scholarships/financial aid student has been offered \$ _____

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Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date _____
You may sign electronically by typing your name.

Return this form **ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM** via email to scholarships@grfoundation.org by **March 1.**