

# Attention Employees and Students Scholarship Money Is Available



## 2012-2013 Thomas R. & Laura Ridge Scholarships for Higher Education

The Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association, Pennsylvania Convenience Store Council, Pittsburgh Association of Manufacturers Representatives and the Northwestern Pennsylvania Food Council are pleased to announce that Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship money is available for the 2012-2013 school year.

### You Are Eligible to Apply for a Ridge Scholarship if you meet the following requirements:

1. You have worked for one year as of Jan.1, 2012 for a company which is a member of the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association, the Pennsylvania Convenience Store Council, the Pittsburgh Association of Manufacturers Representatives, or the Northwestern Pennsylvania Food Council,

Or:

- You are the child or step-child of a qualified employee listed above,

Or:

- You are the child or step-child of an owner of a PFMA, PCSC, PAMR, or NWPFC member store.

AND:

2. You will be a full-time college student for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Applications and all related materials must be received by Monday, March 12, 2012. Winners will be announced the week of April 30, 2012 via mail. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that all materials have been received prior to the deadline.

Winners will be selected by an independent panel based on academic success, overall excellence of character and potential for community contributions and leadership. Scholarships will be paid directly to the schools that the winners attend. Applicants agree to accept the independent judging panel's decision as final.

**\$2,000 One-year Scholarships  
are Available for the  
2012-2013 School Year**

Call PFMA for an application  
at 1-800-543-8207  
and ask for Extension 4018  
or email your request to [pfma@pfma.net](mailto:pfma@pfma.net)  
or visit [www.pfma.org](http://www.pfma.org).

The scholarships are named to honor Thomas R. and Laura Ridge, the parents of the former Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Ridge. Thomas R. Ridge was a member of the Pennsylvania food industry for 25 years, and this scholarship fund was created in 1995 to honor his memory. In 2001, the scholarship committee decided to include the wife of Thomas R. Ridge, Laura, in the scholarship's name, since she was also a great advocate of education for Tom Ridge, his brother David and sister Vikki.

**DEADLINE: MARCH 12, 2012**