

2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship Application Form

The Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association, the Pennsylvania Convenience Store Council, the Pittsburgh Association of Manufacturers Representatives, and the Northwestern Pennsylvania Food Council created the Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship Fund to honor Thomas R. and Laura Ridge, father and mother of the former Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Ridge. Thomas R. Ridge was a member of the Pennsylvania food industry for 25 years and the Thomas R. Memorial 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. She was also a great advocate of education for Tom Ridge, his brother David and sister Vikki.

Eligibility Requirements

1. You must have worked for one year as of January 1, 2019 for a company which is a member (in good standing) of the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association (PFMA) **OR** you are the child or step-child of a qualified employee or owner listed above.

AND

2. You will be a full-time college or graduate student for the academic year 2019-2020.

Deadlines

Applications and all required materials must be received by Monday, March 4, 2019.
Please use a business size or larger envelope.

Mail applications to: Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association
Attn: Ridge Scholarship
144 Chancellor Drive
Chambersburg, PA 17201

* Although it is not required, it is suggested to mail materials via certified mail or FedEx/UPS to ensure proper delivery.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ County _____

Daytime Phone Number () _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

College Class in Fall 2018 Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

Have you previously won a Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship? No Yes Year(s) _____

Eligibility Status: (check one)

____ I am an employee of a qualified store and was hired prior to January 1, 2018. (Employer recommendation Required)

____ I am the child/step-child of a qualified store employee who was hired prior to January 1, 2018.

Employee's Name _____ Relationship _____

____ I am the child/step-child of a qualified store owner who has been a member prior to January 1, 2018.

Store/Company Name _____ Employee # _____

Store Address _____

Store City, State, Zip _____

Store Phone () _____ Date of Hire at Store/Company (month/year) _____

Required

Mother's First and Last Name _____

Step-Mother's First and Last Name _____

Father's First and Last Name _____

Step-Father's First and Last Name _____

Name(s) and age(s) of siblings _____

School Attending in fall of 2019 (if applications pending, list schools applied to)

Planned area of study _____

Has your education ever been interrupted? If yes, explain when and why.

School currently attending _____ **Anticipated Date of Graduation (MM/YY)** _____

Is it a High School or a College? (please mark one) _____ High School _____ College

Former High Schools and/or Colleges and years attended

School Name	List Years Attended (ie. 2012-2016)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Work Experience: (list most recent first)

1. Company Name _____

Company Address _____

Company City, State & Zip _____

Your Job Title _____

Average hours per week _____ **Months/Years Worked** _____

2. Company Name _____

Company Address _____

Company City, State & Zip _____

Your Job Title _____

Average hours per week _____ **Months/Years Worked** _____

3. Company Name _____

Company Address _____

Company City, State & Zip _____

Your Job Title _____

Average hours per week _____ **Months/Years Worked** _____

Using only the spaces provided, please list the following:

In-school Extra-Curricular Activities (list most recent first)

Activity	Dates of Activity (Month/Year)	Hours / Weeks per week / per year	High School or College Activity (check one)
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C

Community Service Activities (list most recent first)

Name of Organization	Dates of Service (Month/Year)	Hours / Weeks per week / per year	High School or College Activity (check one)
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C

Leadership Roles (in or out of school)

Name of Organization	Role/Position	Dates of Service (Month/Year)	High School or College Activity (check one)
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> C

Awards, honors or prizes

2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship Application Instructions

All materials must be received at PFMA by Monday, March 4, 2019.

Thank you for your interest in the Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship. Applicants are to mail all required materials in **ONE** envelope. Required materials from schools and employers should be in sealed and signed envelopes in order to be considered as official. PFMA staff will not track down missing materials. It is the applicant's responsibility to complete and return all materials to PFMA **no later than** the deadline. Any materials or applications received after the deadline may not be considered for judging.

Here are some helpful hints to get your materials in on time:

1. Keep only the forms you need to avoid confusion and completion of unnecessary forms.

Current High School Senior

- Application
- Essay
- H.S. Guidance Counselor/Principal Form
- Official H.S. Transcript with SAT/ACT scores
- Employer Recommendation Form*
- Recommendation Letter (optional)**

College Student/ Graduate Student

- Application
- Essay
- Former H.S. Guidance Counselor/Principal Form
- Official H.S. Transcript with SAT/ACT scores
- College Registrar Form
- Official College Transcript (may require a fee)
- College Dean Form
- Employer Recommendation Form*
- Recommendation Letter (optional)**

*The Employer Recommendation Form is required if the applicant is the qualified employee.

**If your parent/step-parent is the qualified employee or owner, you are asked (but not required) to get a personal recommendation letter from a teacher, coach, neighbor, etc.

2. Print your name on the top of each form. Sign and date all forms at the bottom of each page.
3. Forward your forms to the appropriate person(s). You may want to highlight the instructions and remind them to return the form(s) to you in a sealed and signed envelope. Materials not officially sealed and signed may not be accepted.
4. Complete your application. Do NOT re-type the application! You may attach an additional sheet, **ONLY** if necessary.
5. Complete your essay. The essay should be typed on the page provided. Remember to proofread, check punctuation and grammar. Please set your margins as follows: Top 2.5", Bottom 1.5".
6. Once you have received your materials back from the appropriate person(s), mail your materials to our office before the deadline.
To ensure proper delivery, it is suggested to mail the materials via certified mail or FedEx/UPS.
PFMA does not take responsibility for lost mail. Please contact the shipper directly to confirm delivery.

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE JUDGES DECISION THE WEEK OF APRIL 22, 2019 VIA EMAIL & FIRST-CLASS MAIL.

Please do not call PFMA to see if you have been chosen as a recipient, as we cannot provide this information until all notifications have been mailed out. Scholarship payment may only be used for the 2019-2020 academic year. Payment may not be postponed to another academic year. Checks will be made payable to your school and mailed to you in July 2019. If you have any questions regarding the application, please call PFMA at (717) 745-3670 or email Jennifer Hamelin at jhamelin@pfma.net.

The Ridge Scholarships are awarded without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, handicap, sex or age. Winners are selected by an independent panel based on academic success, overall excellence of character, community contributions and leadership. Applicants agree to accept the independent judging panel's decision as final.

I have read and understand the instructions. I understand that it is my responsibility to collect all required materials and send them to the PFMA office before the deadline listed above. No exceptions will be made for late submissions.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Required)

2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship Personal Essay

(All applicants)

How will your chosen field of study contribute to your immediate and long-term career goals?
Your personal essay should be printed neatly or typed on this sheet and should not exceed 300 words.

Signature _____ Date _____

2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship Applicant's Employer Recommendation

(If applicant is the qualified employee)

To the Employer:

_____ has applied for a 2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship. **Please complete this form and put it in an envelope from your store/company. Seal and sign the back of the envelope and return it to the applicant.** The application deadline is Monday, March 4, 2019.

(required info.)

Date of Hire (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Full time **Part time** (circle one)

Average hours per week? _____

Please describe how well the candidate carries out his or her assigned duties.

Please describe the candidate's ability to interact positively with your customers.

What would make the applicant worthy of being selected for a Ridge Scholarship?

Store Manager's Name and Signature _____

Store/Company Name _____

Store Address _____

Store City, State, Zip _____ Store Email _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship High School Guidance Counselor/Principal Recommendation Form

(For current high school students)

To the Guidance Counselor/Principal:

_____ has applied for a 2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship. Please complete this form and attach an official transcript including SAT/ACT scores. **Put all the materials in an envelope from your school. Seal and sign the back of the envelope and return it to the applicant.** The application deadline is Monday, March 4, 2019.

The applicant has an unweighted grade point average of _____ on a scale of _____. (Do not round)
The applicant's class rank is _____ in a class of _____. Anticipated date of graduation _____.

Student did not take SATs or ACT test.

SAT Scores:

_____ Highest Critical Reading + _____ Highest Math + _____ Highest Writing = _____ **Highest Total** (out of 2400)

ACT Score: _____ Highest ACT Composite.

Comments:

		Below Average (Bottom 1/3)	Average (Middle 1/3)	Good (67-90%)	Excellent (Top 10% but not 2 or 3%)	Truly Outstanding (Top 2 or 3%)	No basis for judgement
Academic	Motivation						
	Creative Qualities						
	Self-discipline						
	Growth Potential						
Character & Personality Ratings	Leadership						
	Self-confidence						
	Warmth of Personality						
	Sense of Humor						
	Concern for Others						
	Energy						
	Emotional Maturity						
	Personal Initiative						
	Reaction to Setbacks						
	Respect Accorded by Faculty						

Counselor's/Principal's Name and Signature _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone () _____ **Fax** () _____ **Date** _____

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship Former High School Guidance Counselor/Principal Form

(For current college students)

To the Guidance Counselor/Principal:

_____ has applied for a 2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship. Please complete this form and attach an official transcript including SAT/ACT scores. **Put all the materials in an envelope from your school. Seal and sign the back of the envelope and return it to the applicant.** The application deadline is Monday, March 4, 2019.

The applicant's cumulative unweighted GPA was _____ on a scale of _____. (Do not round)

The applicant's class rank was _____ in a class of _____.

Date of graduation _____.

SAT Scores:

_____ Highest Critical Reading + _____ Highest Math + _____ Highest Writing = _____ **Highest Total** (Out of 2400)

ACT Score: _____ Highest ACT Composite

Check here if student did not take SAT/ACT.

Comments:

Counselor's/Principal's Name and Title _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

(Form will be returned if incomplete)

2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship College Registrar Form

(For current college students)

To the Registrar:

_____ has applied for a 2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship. Please complete this form, attach an official transcript and put it in an envelope from your school. **Seal and sign the back of the envelope and return it to the applicant.** The application deadline is Monday, March 4, 2019.

The applicant has a cumulative grade point average of _____ on a scale of _____. *(Do not round)*

The applicant's class rank is _____ in a class of _____. *(if applicable)*

Anticipated date of graduation _____.

Comments:

Registrar's Name _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship Dean's Report Form

(For current college students)

To the Dean:

_____ has applied for a 2019 Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship. **Please complete this form and put it in an envelope from your school. Seal and sign the back of the envelope and return it to the applicant.** The application deadline is Monday, March 4, 2019.

1. Are your responses to these inquiries based on (please check all that apply):

_____ Records/reports? _____ Close personal acquaintance?
_____ Counseling/advising contacts? _____ Casual contacts/observations?

2. Is this student in satisfactory **academic** standing at your institution?

(If "no," please explain on the reverse.)

Yes No N/A

3. Is this student in satisfactory **non-academic** standing at your institution?

(If "no," please explain on the reverse.)

Yes No N/A

4. Would you permit this student to continue at your institution?

(If "no," please explain on the reverse.)

Yes No N/A

5. Has this student, to your knowledge, ever been involved in any personal, social or academic difficulties of which you feel the Ridge Scholarship judging panel should be aware? (If "yes," please explain on the reverse.)

Yes No N/A

6. Would you give this student a good character recommendation?

Yes No N/A

Please give any other information which you believe to be relevant.

Dean's Name (Printed) and Signature _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____