



**Mission Statement:** Readers Become Leaders Book Club is designed to foster and appreciate literature; motivate and inspire the love of reading; promote community outreach; and form a network of readers nationwide to lead in their communities providing a positive environment that is conducive to impacting the world one book at a time.

**Vision Statement:** Encourage reading; Empower minds; and Expand knowledge worldwide.

**RBL Purpose:** Raising Awareness of the Need to Read.

**Purpose of Scholarship:**

The purpose of the RBL Literary Scholarship for High School Students is to promote higher education, encourage reading, and foster literature.

**Scholarship Amount:**

The award is in the amount of \$1,000 and will be paid upon proof of enrollment directly to the college of choice on behalf of student. **TO BE APPLIED TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS ONLY.**

**Ideal Candidate:**

- High School Graduate.
- GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Enrollment and/or acceptance in 2 year or 4 year College of your choice.

**How to apply for the Scholarship:**

In order to apply for the RBL Literary Scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

1. Provide sealed high school transcript.
2. Provide Recommendation Letter on school letterhead.
3. Provide letter of acceptance from 2 or 4-year College or University for the upcoming/current school year.
4. Write a 3 - page essay that speaks to all of the following:
  - a. Personal interest in reading
  - b. The need for scholarship
  - c. Career path and college major
  - d. How reading has benefitted you in your life
5. Complete application.
6. Provide proof of residency in Michigan (copy of valid Michigan issued ID).
7. Send all documents in a sealed envelope post marked no later than June 14 of the current year to the address below.
8. **Candidate cannot be a member or family member either directly or indirectly of RBL Book Club.**

## **Notification**

Selected candidate will be notified in writing and/or by phone. Awardee must attend the September RBL kick off meeting for photos and the awarding of the scholarship. If the selected candidate(s) does not respond to the scholarship award notification within 30 days, the candidate forfeits the rights to the scholarship and another awardee will be selected. Once notified of your award, please allow **30 DAYS FOR PROCESSING YOUR AWARD WITH YOUR COLLEGE. THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE WILL CONTACT YOU WHEN YOUR AWARD HAS BEEN APPLIED TO YOUR ACCOUNT.**

## **Restrictions**

The scholarship is non-transferable and must be used only towards the purchase of books for the college courses. Due to the validity of the application process, sealed transcripts, and pertinent information in the packet, **HAND DELIVERED PACKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! Please Note: \*All documents submitted to RBL will be retained for one year then shredded.**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS BELOW to prevent compromising the validity of the process.**

Please mail completed application packet along with all requested information to:

**Readers Become Leaders Book Club  
P.O. BOX 214052  
Auburn Hills, MI  
48321**

# Readers Become Leaders Literary Scholarship for Graduating High School Seniors Application

Please Print Clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired College Major:

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Colleges Applied to:

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College(s) Enrolled and Start Date:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature, I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and true to the best of my ability. I am aware that misrepresenting and falsifying any information or documents is fraud and can result in charges for misrepresentation and fraud brought against me and may include fines and prosecution to the fullest extent of Michigan law.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Date application was received: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_