

2026 RIDGE

Scholarship

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Apply for the 2026 Ridge Scholarship today!

The Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association is pleased to announce that money from the Thomas R. and Laura Ridge Scholarship is now available.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. You have worked for one year as of Jan. 1, 2026, for a company that is a member (in good standing) of the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association and still work there, **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 member store
2. **AND**, you will be a full-time college student for the 2026-2027 academic year.

One-year, \$2,500 scholarships are available for the 2026-27 school year.

The Ridge Scholarship application is now available online! Scan the QR Code or visit pfma.org/scholarships.

The scholarships are named in honor of Thomas R. and Laura Ridge, parents of former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge. Thomas R. Ridge was a member of the Pennsylvania food industry for 25 years. Laura, was a strong advocate of education for their children Tom, David and Vikki.

Applications and all materials must be received via the online application by **MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026**. Applicants will be notified no later than June 5, 2026, via email. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all materials are received prior to the deadline. An independent judging panel will select winners based on academic success, excellence of character and potential for community contributions and leadership.

