

2015 RIDDELL LAW LLC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

About the Scholarship

The attorneys at Riddell Law LLC – Douglas Riddell and Bridget Purdue Riddell – are proud to offer the second annual \$500 scholarship to a local Columbus area high school senior to help pay for tuition, room and board, books or other materials necessary for an incoming college freshman.

Our attorneys were able to attend their dream college – the University of Notre Dame – in part through the generosity of local businesses in their community. This is our opportunity to pay it back and assist a local student to attend his or her own dream college or university.

We have chosen to offer two topic options this year as the focus of our scholarship essay.

Drunk Driving (OVI)

First, drunk driving (OVI or OMVI in Ohio) is an issue that affects high school and college students both in Columbus and nationwide. As Columbus DUI, criminal and traffic attorneys, DUI charges and other violations involving driving are a large part of our law practice.

We want to do our part to encourage students and all Ohioans to be alert and sober while on the road. Our firm has chosen this investment in our community so that all of us together can help prevent drunk driving.

Marijuana Possession

Second, the penalties for even minor marijuana possession in Ohio can be steep. The national debate continues regarding whether marijuana should be decriminalized. As a second essay option this year, we would like to hear from students on the debate regarding whether Ohio should join other states in decriminalizing marijuana possession for either medical or recreational use.

Good luck to all of our applicants!

Instructions & How to Apply

Applications are also available on our website at www.riddelllaw.com. Click on the Scholarship Program tab and then on the 2015 Scholarship Application link.

Applications will be accepted via regular mail and via email. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Scholarships are judged and awarded without regard to race, gender, color, religion, creed, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

Email

Please email your completed application and list the subject line of the email as follows: “[Your Name]: Riddell Law Scholarship Application.” Your application should be sent to: bridget@riddelllaw.com.

To the extent possible, all completed applications should be sent in one email. If you have any trouble with attachments or sending your application, feel free to contact us.

We are not accepting applications by U.S. Mail this year.

Eligibility Criteria

- Current high school senior
- Attends high school and lives in the following counties: Franklin County or Delaware County, Ohio.
- Planning to pursue degree at an accredited four-year college or university.

Deadline to Apply

All entries must be time-stamped on or before midnight on **April 1, 2015**. Riddell Law LLC will not be responsible for any late, lost or damaged entries.

Entering the Contest

High school seniors must return the following items to our office in an email (or emails if necessary):

1. Scholarship application (typed, neatly printed or computer generated).
2. An essay or presentation (video, PowerPoint, or brochure) that either (1) encourages fellow teens to abstain from drinking and driving, or (2) discusses the debate over legalization of marijuana possession in Ohio.
3. Official or unofficial high school transcript.

Types of Acceptable Presentations: Please Choose One

Topic #1: DUI / OVI in Ohio

Despite anti-drunk driving campaigns over the past decade, drinking and driving persists in Ohio and across the country. In 2011, for example, more than 300 people were killed in alcohol-related driving fatalities—45 of which involved drivers under age 21.¹ In nearly 75% of those drunk driving fatalities, the blood alcohol level (BAC) of the driver exceeded 0.15.

Riddell Law LLC invites high school seniors to develop a unique, and compelling essay or presentation that encourages fellow Ohio teens to refrain from drinking and driving and/or highlights the dangers of drinking and driving.

Topic #2: Marijuana Possession

The penalties for marijuana possession in Ohio can be steep. Possessing a small amount of marijuana is a minor misdemeanor under Ohio's marijuana possession statute (meaning that it carries no jail time). Under city and municipal marijuana possession codes (such as the City of Westerville), however, consequences may include possible jail time.

Additional consequences of a marijuana paraphernalia or possession conviction in Ohio include: a mandatory driver's license suspension, the potential loss of federal financial aid for college and consequences for future employment.

The legalization of marijuana for both medical and recreational use appeared on ballots across the country in the most recent national elections. Although Ohio has not voted on medical or recreational marijuana, the national debate continues regarding whether marijuana should be decriminalized. As a second essay option this year, we would like to hear from students on the debate regarding whether Ohio should join other states in decriminalizing marijuana possession for either medical or recreational use.

Presentations may be in the form of:

Video

Email attachment preferred. If for some reason you need to put it on a flash drive and mail it to us, please contact us first to let us know (bridget@riddelllaw.com).

PowerPoint

Please provide a copy of your PowerPoint via email attachment.

Brochure/Booklet

Please provide a copy of brochure/booklet via email attachment.

¹ The Century Council, <http://www.centurycouncil.org/state-facts/ohio>.

Essay

750-1,000 words - Must be typed and double-spaced.

Selection of Winners

A panel of judges representing Riddell Law LLC will choose the winner. The Scholarship Committee will consider these criteria in making their selection: academic achievement; community and school involvement; and essay or presentation.

The essays and/or presentations will be judged on the following factors:

- **Research quality.** Adequately researched facts and proper citation of facts, where applicable.
- **Style and Creativity.** Creative presentation of ideas, free of errors in syntax, grammar, spelling, and punctuation, compelling and persuasive.

The decision of the judges will be final. The scholarship recipient will be notified by telephone no later than 5 p.m. April 28, 2015. Applicants who are not selected will receive not be contacted. Entries will be disqualified if they contain vulgar or inappropriate content; are not submitted with all the proper paperwork; are submitted late; use copyrighted materials; or use content that has not been properly cited.

One winner will receive a \$500 scholarship to the college or university of their choice. Odds of winning a prize depends on the number of entries received.

Method of Disbursement

Awards are paid in one installment. Checks will be made out to the student for assistance in tuition, books or room and board.

Ownership of Entries

All entries submitted to Riddell Law LLC in connection with this contest, along with all copyright, trademark and other proprietary rights associated therewith, become the property of Riddell Law LLC upon submission. Entry materials will not be returned to any applicant. By submitting an application, you acknowledge that if you win the scholarship contest, Riddell Law LLC will own all rights to use, modify, reproduce, publish, perform, display, distribute and promote the presentation, essay or artwork in perpetuity without compensation to you or any other person.

Use of Name, Likeness, Etc.

As a condition of receiving a scholarship, each winner as well as their parents or legal guardians will be required to consent to the use of their name, area of residence and school name. You and your parents or legal guardian must also consent to using your name and prize information, without limitations, for promotional purposes without further payment.

Release

By entering the contest, you and your parents or legal guardians release and agree to hold harmless Riddell Law LLC and each of their partners, members or employees, from any liability whatsoever in connection with entering the contest, with accepting any prize, or with anything that may arise related to the contest. Riddell Law LLC reserves the right to use the concepts from entries submitted in the competition. All winning entrants will be required to sign releases and waivers of liability.

Contest Information

For a list of the names of winners, send an email request to bridget@riddelllaw.com along with your request along with your name, address and business name, if applicable, on or after April 28, 2013. Entrants agree to be bound by these official rules and the decisions of Riddell Law LLC.

Questions?

Contact Douglas Riddell or Bridget Purdue Riddell via telephone at: (614) 361-2804

or via email at:

doug@riddelllaw.com

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

All personal information provided will be kept strictly confidential. Please type or print clearly.

Name _____

Preferred Name

{Nickname) _____

High School _____

County _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home phone # _____

Cell phone # _____

Email address _____

Gender: Male Female

Weighted GPA _____

Class rank (if available): _____ of _____ total students

Intended Major _____

College/University you plan to attend this fall

If undecided, please list where you have applied or been accepted

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please list any clubs, sports, fine arts groups, volunteer work, community service, scouting, jobs, internships, church involvement, special interests or hobbies with which you are involved. Please explain the number of years you have participated in this activity, the role you play in the activity or group, any leadership positions you hold or have held, the number of hours to contribute to the activity and any other information you would like to include about your participation or leadership.

HONORS / AWARDS

Please list any academic, athletic, scouting or other honors or awards you have received.

EMPLOYMENT

Currently Employed? _____ Yes _____ No

If “yes”, Name & Address of employer:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Position: _____; Hours Worked Per Week: _____

Description of Duties _____

**Please provide any additional information you believe will assist us in our decision. Hint:
Tell us why we should give the scholarship to YOU.**

HONOR PLEDGE

I certify that the information provided in this application packet is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted. I understand that incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Should I receive a scholarship, I permit Riddell Law LLC to use my presentation, name, and likeness in publicity materials relating to the scholarship program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18 years of age

Mailing / Email address:

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