



NEAL R. BRENDDEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND – 2025 APPLICATION

*The **Neal R. Brendel Scholarship Fund** was established by the Pittsburgh Forge in 2021 in recognition of Neal Brendel's lifelong commitment to the sport of rugby. The Fund will annually award a grant to one male and one female high school rugby senior, who have decided to continue their rugby careers in the collegiate ranks. The awards are selected and presented together with members of the Brendel family. For more information on the Scholarship and its namesake, visit www.pghrugby.com/brendel-scholarship.*

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants for the 2025 Neal R. Brendel Scholarship shall meet the following requirements to be considered for the award:

- High School Senior during the 2024-2025 academic calendar
- Reside in the Western PA region
- Have been accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution with a rugby program
- Documented intent to play rugby at said institution (to the extent possible)
- Have demonstrated strong academic performance and a proficiency in the sport of rugby

Completed Applications (including Statements of Support outlined below to be sent separately) shall be submitted to the Committee via email to scholarship@pghrugby.com no later than end of day on **Thursday, May 1st, 2025**. Applications will then be reviewed by the Committee, and applicants will be notified by the end of May.

2025 AWARD

The 2025 Scholarship will be awarded to a minimum of one (1) male and one (1) female qualified applicant in the amount of at least **\$1,000.00** each.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

CURRENT TEAM: _____

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: In approximately 100-250 words, explain to us your relationship with the sport of rugby. (Examples of topics you may touch upon can include, but are not limited to, the following: *How did you begin playing? How have you developed as a player and a teammate? How has the sport impacted you throughout your career? What about rugby makes you want to continue collegiately? What are your short- and long-term goals within the sport? Etc.*)

SCHOOL COMMITTED TO (if none presently, list those applied/accepted to, and include your perfect case outcome):

RUGBY HISTORY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Teams played for, positions played, leadership positions held, representative sides selected for, etc.):



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FUTURE RUGBY PLANS (i.e. any collegiate coaches contacted (and state of those discussions), programs committed to, any other info):

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE (answer 'N/A' for any not applicable):

SAT SCORE: _____

ACT SCORE: _____

GPA (WEIGHTED): _____

GPA (UNWEIGHTED): _____

THIRD-PARTY STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

We ask that you request a Statement of Support from a current High School Coach (and also welcome additional Statements to be provided by any other interested rugby parties). The individuals should provide a brief Statement via email to scholarship@pghrugby.com by the May 1st application deadline, and the Statement will be evaluated by the Selection Committee in conjunction with this Application.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW FOR THE INDIVIDUAL(S) FROM WHOM THE COMMITTEE SHOULD ANTICIPATE RECEIVING STATEMENT(S) OF SUPPORT:

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMAIL: _____

RUGBY RELATIONSHIP: _____

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