

Erin Toland Boyer Memorial Scholarship

Erin Toland (1977-2023) was a 1995 graduate of Apollo-Ridge High School, where she was a member of the Science Club (among many other student organizations); at Penn State University, she majored in biochemistry & molecular biology. She began her professional career as a research scientist at GlaxoSmithKline, before joining Thermo Fisher Scientific, then Mesa Labs and finally Azenta Life Sciences.

The scholarship fund was established in 2023 by Erin's family, in celebration of her memory.

Apollo-Ridge School District is currently accepting applications for the **2024 Erin Toland Boyer Memorial Scholarship**.

The application window opens Jan. 15 and runs through **March 29, 2024**.

The **one-time, \$1,500** scholarship is available to one female graduating Apollo-Ridge student who has been accepted at an accredited 4-year university, **and intends to pursue an education in chemistry, biology, health sciences, or related science or health fields**. To be eligible, student applicants must:

- Submit a current transcript and have a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Submit a copy of a college acceptance letter, or the name of the college where the student intends to enroll
- Submit a list of all extra-curricular and volunteer activities, in and out of school
- Submit an essay, no longer than 1,500 words, addressing one or more of the following topics:
 - Your reasons for choosing your major field of study
 - Your career goals and aspirations
 - Your personal experiences and how they will help you succeed in college and on your career path
 - Your role models and how they have influenced you
 - Your reasons for wanting this scholarship, and its importance in helping you achieve your educational and career goals
 - What scientist or scientific achievement had the greatest influence on you and why
- *Optional:* Submit one letter of recommendation from a non-relative

In advance of the March 29 deadline, completed application packages should be returned to Mrs. Lukehart in the Apollo-Ridge High School guidance office.