

Blackledge-Ruediger Scholarship

The Blackledge-Ruediger Scholarship was established in 1959 by the 1944 Class of Lansdale high School as a living tribute and memorial to honor two of our classmates who gave their lives while serving our country. Their supreme sacrifice brought us continuing freedom, and we should never forget them. This scholarship is our way of perpetuating their names and assisting young people in their desire for higher education.

During World War II, high school students who attained the age of eighteen years on or before January 1st of their senior year were drafted in the armed services of our country. Twelve members from the Class of 1944 Lansdale High School were inducted into the services before they could graduate from high school. Fortunately, they were given credit for their basic training in the service, and this was considered to be part of their high school education, and they were approved for graduation from high school.

Charles William Blackledge was born in Hatfield on October 21, 1924 and moved to Lansdale when he was in the sixth grade. He was drafted prior to his senior year and served as a member of the 38th Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. He participated in the D-Day Invasion of France and was killed in Normandy on August 14, 1944. He was active in Boy Scouts as a youth and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lansdale.

Robert Paul Ruediger was born in Philadelphia on May 23, 1926 and moved to Lansdale when he was in the seventh grade. Upon graduation from high school he enlisted in the U.S. air force and became a member of a C-47 transport plane crew. While bringing supplies to a residual army team, his plane crashed in a heavy fog, and he was killed on June 7, 1946, in Agidar, French Morocco. He was active in scouting as a youth and was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Lansdale.

These young boys were killed in the prime of their lives so that we could enjoy the privilege of being a free people. They exemplified in their lives outstanding qualities of leadership, good conduct and citizenship, and this scholarship is given in their name.

NORTH PENN HIGH SCHOOL
Lansdale, PA 19446
BLACKLEDGE-RUEDIGER SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _____

Address: _____

Recognition and Awards:

Participation in Athletics and Activities:

College or School You Will Attend: _____

Major Field of Study: _____

Annual Costs: Tuition \$ _____ Room/Board \$ _____ Other \$ _____

Parental Resources

How much money do your parents feel they can contribute toward your education next year?
\$ _____

Student Resources

Have you applied or will you apply for other scholarship and loan programs in addition to this one? _____ Yes _____ No

How much have you personally saved toward your education? _____

Please describe any part-time work experiences which have enabled you to save money for higher education:

Additional Information

In the space below, please describe any unusual circumstances that should be considered by the selection committee:

Please return the completed application via email to Mrs. Joanne Borchers at borchjm@npenn.org by April 14, 2023 in order to be considered for this year's scholarship