

Let's Elevate

Greetings!

Let's Elevate, Inc. (LEI), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in Richardson, TX, thanks you for your interest in our three Ralph Bland Education Funds: The Ralph Bland Book Scholarship, The Ralph Bland Tuition Assistance Scholarship and The Ralph Bland Academic Scholarship. We are excited about the continued opportunity touch the lives of youth and adults in our community by offering various scholarships and educational awards.

LEI envisions a community of economically empowered individuals in the North Texas sector who cultivate their God-given aspirations and abilities, demonstrate expertise in their chosen enterprises and endeavors, and replicate their wisdom and wealth to benefit current and future generations.

The Ralph Bland Education Funds were first established by Marcea and Ed Lloyd in 2004, in memory of Mr. Ralph Bland to assist youth and adults who have demonstrated an ability to motivate and empower others through service within their school or community. Many others also have donated to The Ralph Bland Education Funds since inception. Mr. Bland was a World War II veteran and successful entrepreneur, owning and operating several small businesses. He instilled his love of learning and entrepreneurial spirit in all who knew him. His family often joked that he probably stashed enough money to educate a small country. Although higher education eluded him, he sent his daughters to the colleges of their choices without any debt and has made attending college possible for many others.

For additional questions, you may contact **scholarships@letselevatedallas.org**. Once again, thank you for your interest, and may God continue to bless you in your educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

LEI Board of Directors

General Information

Complete application packet must be received no later than Sunday, July 6, 2025

Applicant:

- Applicant must be a resident of the DFW Metroplex, as determined by student's permanent home address.
- Applicant must be accepted to, or enrolled in, an accredited college, university, or trade school.

Application Packet:

1. Completed application form
2. Most recent school transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable)
3. Documentation demonstrating financial need for the **Ralph Bland Tuition Assistance Scholarship**;
4. Proof of income falling within the Human Services Poverty Guidelines (<https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>)
 - ✓ Most Recent Income Tax Return of parent or guardian or if applicable, of Primary Student as a Dependent on Income Tax Return
5. Submit completed application packet **by email** to: scholarships@letselevatedallas.org **or mail** to: Let's Elevate, Inc., Attn: Education Committee, 701 E. Centennial Blvd, Richardson, TX 75081. Applications must be **received** by the deadline, Sunday, July 6, 2025, to qualify.

Selection Process:

1. Application packets will be reviewed and recommended by Let's Elevate, Inc.'s Education Committee and approved by the LEI Board of Directors in their sole discretion.
2. Awardees will be notified by the Education Committee by July 15, 2025.

Award Process:

1. Scholarship recipients will write a letter or e-mail of request which should include the following:
 - Name/address of school or university planning to attend
 - Degree to pursue and major
 - Name and address to which payment should be made if unable to receive in person.
 - A copy of the tuition receipt or other documentation verifying acceptance and enrollment.
2. **The scholarship will be awarded in the form of a check made payable to recipient during service at Christ Community on Sunday, July 27, 2025.**

Let's Elevate Scholarships

<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Eligibility Requirements</i>		<i>Award Amount</i>
Ralph Bland Academic Scholarship	The Ralph Bland Academic Scholarships are awarded to approved students who demonstrate the ability to motivate and empower others positively through effective service within their school or community, and who have overcome challenges, while maintaining academic excellence in their field of study.	Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale at current or most recent school.	Applicant must write a 500 word essay telling why his/her education is important and how it has been – or will be – used to benefit the community at large. Challenges the Applicant has overcome can be taken into account by the Education Committee.	Each scholarship awarded will be in the amount of \$1,000.
Ralph Bland Book Scholarship	The Ralph Bland Book Scholarships are awarded to approved students to assist with the purchase of books for their academic school year.	Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale at current or most recent school.	Applicant must write a 200 word essay sharing at least one activity or service that you participate in to make a positive impact on your school or community.	Each scholarship awarded will be in the amount of \$250.
Ralph Bland Tuition Assistance Scholarship	The Ralph Bland Tuition Scholarships are awarded to approved students whose family income falls within the low-to-moderate income range, as defined.	Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale at current or most recent school.	Applicant must write a 300 word essay on why the receipt of this scholarship is important to the attainment of his/her educational goals. Based on financial need.	Each scholarship awarded will be in the amount of \$500.



APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Please check which scholarship(s) you are applying for (more than one can be chosen):

- ☐ Ralph Bland Book Scholarship
☐ Ralph Bland Tuition Assistance Scholarship
☐ Ralph Bland Academic Scholarship

APPLICANT DATA

Last First MI

Date of Birth: ____ - ____ - ____

U.S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Permanent Address:

Number Street Apt #

City State Zip Code (____) Telephone #

Email: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION (If Minor)

Father/Stepfather/Guardian (if Applicant is a dependent on income tax return; otherwise, leave blank)

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian (if Applicant is a dependent on income tax return; otherwise, leave blank)

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

EDUCATION

Last School: _____

Rank in Class, if available (Must include basis) _____

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Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Date of Graduation: ____/____/____ Cumulative GPA: _____

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Do you require financial aid? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you applied for federal financial assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you been awarded any other financial assistance for the 2025-26 school year? ☐

Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please list the financial aid source(s) and amount(s):

Have you ever received a scholarship from Let's Elevate, Inc. in the past? If so, scholarship name(s), date(s) and amount(s).

TEST INFORMATION

Have you taken the SAT? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, give date: _____ Score: Math _____
Verbal _____

Have you taken the ACT? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, give date: _____ Score: English _____
Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____

FUTURE PLANS

College, University, Technical School or Seminary you plan to attend in the Fall of 2025:

Address

City

State

Zip

Intended Major: _____

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Attach a separate sheet of paper, if necessary)

List your extracurricular activities, including hobbies. Include any office held:

List any honors received while in high school, college, and/or professionally:

List community service activities and years participated.

CERTIFICATION

The information provided in this form will be disclosed only to Let's Elevate, Inc. as required to determine your eligibility for an award. The information will be available only to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their duties.

Scholarship recipients agree to Let's Elevate, Inc. and/or Christ Community (Church), at its discretion, to advertise on its website, informational brochures, print and broadcasting media, grant proposals, and other similar venues, a picture of Applicant, and that Let's Elevate, Inc. has provided Applicant a scholarship from The Ralph Bland Education Funds - provided that Let's Elevate, Inc. and Christ Community do not disclose confidential information including loan application information, and other confidential financial information in such advertising. I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application.

Applicant Signature

Date

Legal Guardian's Signature (if applicant is under 18)

Date

Application Packet Checklist

	Document	Check if included or attached
1.	Completed application	
2.	Transcript (Unofficial is acceptable)	
3.	Income Tax Return or other proof of family income (ONLY if applying for Ralph Bland Tuition Scholarship)	
4.	Essay(s)	

Please return application and supporting documents by email to scholarships@letselevatedallas.org or by regular mail to:

Let's Elevate, Inc.
Attn: Education Committee
701 Centennial Blvd.
Richardson, TX 75081

All applications must be received by Sunday, July 6, 2025 to be considered.