

2026 First Trust CU Scholarship

For an Apprenticeship, Certification or Associates Program



First Trust CU's \$1,000 Scholarship winners will be chosen based on the geographic location of their primary branch. Each branch location will award a \$1,000 scholarship.

1. Michigan City
2. La Porte
3. Valparaiso
4. Wheatfield

This scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is pursuing a career in a specialized field that will NOT require a four-year degree based upon the following criteria:

- A. **Recipient must be a member of First Trust CU – if not a current member, applicant may open a savings account with \$25 at any local branch location. (Bring photo I.D. with social security number.)**
- B. Graduating Senior from an accredited high school.
- C. Enrollment in an accredited non-four-year program which will result in certification, licensing or associates degree of the student.
- D. Essay from applicant.

Examples of qualified careers or associates degree programs are, but not limited to: Culinary, Cosmetology, Medical Assistant, Medical Technician, Building & Trades (Carpenter, Plumber, Electrician, Welder, etc.) Paralegal, Massage Therapist, Veterinary Technician, Respiratory Therapist, Dental Hygienist, etc.

Application: The following information must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee via email to scholarships@firsttrustcu.com or mailed to the Scholarship Committee, c/o First Trust CU, 950 E US Hwy 20, Michigan City, IN 46360, or hand deliver to your local First Trust CU branch. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. Monday, March 16, 2026.

Announcement of the winner and presentation of the scholarship will take place at the winner's high school annual awards program.

**** First Trust CU employees, board members, and supervisory committee members and their families are not eligible.**

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Choose Your First Trust CU Branch:

Michigan City

La Porte

Valparaiso

Wheatfield

Your Personal Information:

Name _____ Current GPA _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Your First Trust CU Account # _____

School Information:

Name of High School _____

Graduation Date _____

School Address _____

School Phone # _____

Name of institution you will be attending _____

Intended course of study _____

Name of certification, licensing or associates program _____

Length of Time required for this degree _____

Date of Senior Awards Ceremony _____

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Essay:

In an organized paragraph format using no more than two hundred and fifty words explain what aspirations and/or related experience(s) you have that helped you decide on this career choice.

Important note: Should you become a recipient of a First Trust CU scholarship, be aware that we DO NOT report this information to the IRS.

You are responsible for determining whether the scholarship must be reported as income.

Signature of

Applicant: _____ **Date** _____

If applicant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign below.

Signature of

Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date** _____

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