



2026 College Scholarship Guidelines

The Meridian Trust North Star Foundation is accepting College Scholarship applications from now through Sunday, April 5th, 2026 for the 2026-27 school year.

We'll be awarding four college scholarships in all: the "Kim Withers Future Leaders Scholarship" in the amount of \$3,500; another scholarship at \$2,000; and two more scholarships at \$1,000 each.

Entry deadline is Sunday, April 5th, 2026, at midnight. There will be no extensions given beyond this date.

How do I Apply?

Create a short video addressing the question below:

- What is your biggest dream and how would this scholarship help you achieve it?

Your video should be approximately 4 to 6 minutes in length.

1. Post your video to YouTube. Do not tag it or put Meridian Trust North Star Foundation or Scholarship in the name.
2. Fill out the online form on our website and include the link to your video on YouTube.

Winners will be notified by Friday, April 17th, 2026 and announced at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 14th, 2026.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Applicant must personally be a member of Meridian Trust Federal Credit Union
- Applicant must be attending a university, college, or trade school at any level, including graduate level, in the fall of 2026

Who is Not Eligible to Apply?

- Meridian Trust FCU employees *and* their families
- Non-members
- Meridian Trust Board and Supervisory committee members *and* their families
- Meridian Trust North Star Foundation Board members *and* volunteers

Scholarships:

We'll be awarding four college scholarships in all: the "Kim Withers Future Leaders Scholarship" at \$3,500; another scholarship at \$2,000; and two more scholarships at \$1,000 each. The scholarship money can be put towards tuition and/or expenses at your university, college, or trade school. Each scholarship will be awarded as a check made payable to the applicable institution. No transfer, postponement, or substitution of award is permitted by recipient. Acceptance of a scholarship constitutes permission to use recipients' names, likeness, and video entries for promotional and advertising purposes without further compensation.

Judging:

Judges will score the entries based on the following criteria: quality of response to question (60%); creativity, originality and overall entertainment value (30%); and video quality (10%). We want scholarship applicants to have some fun with this! Decisions of judges are final.

Parent/Guardian Consent (if applicant is under age 18):

As parent (or legal guardian), I hereby grant permission for _____ to participate in the Meridian Trust North Star Foundation Scholarship application and selection process. I have read the requirements and give my consent for my son/daughter to apply and participate.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

If under age 18, please complete the above, then scan and submit through the online Scholarship Application.