

2026 First Trust CU Scholarship
For a Bachelor's Degree Program



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

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

This scholarship will be awarded based on 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. and social security number.)**
- B. Graduating senior from an accredited high school who will be entering the initial year of post high school education in pursuit of a four-year degree.
- C. Enrollment in an accredited institution for post high school education or training.
- D. Scholastic achievement
- E. Involvement in school and community activities
- F. Essay from applicant
- G. Letter of recommendation from a teacher

Application: The following information must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee via email to scholarships@firsttrustcu.com or mail 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 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 # _____

College or institution you will be attending _____

Intended course of study _____

Date of Senior Awards Ceremony _____

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Scholastics: List no more than five of your top scholastic awards or honors earned throughout your school career.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

School Activities:

Please indicate your participation in any school organizations, clubs, or activities.

Senior Year: (no more than 4)

Office held or duties

Junior Year: (no more than 3)

Office held or duties

Sophomore Year: (no more than 2)

Office held or duties

Freshman Year: (no more than 1)

Office held or duties

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Please list your three most rewarding community service experiences. List organizations, clubs, programs, or activities and state your duties and responsibilities for each. Please include time of involvement. i.e. 1 day, 3 months, 4 years.

Activity

Time of service

Responsibilities :

Activity

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Essay:

In an organized paragraph format using no more than two hundred and fifty words, explain how one of your school or non-school activities had a significant impact on you, or explain the deciding factors that helped you choose the intended course of study that you listed on page 2.

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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Attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher who can best attest to your character or abilities which may help the committee distinguish you from other applicants.

Applicant's name _____

Teacher's Name (Print) _____

Title _____

Teacher's Signature _____

Date _____

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