

**2019 First Trust Credit Union Scholarship**  
**For a Bachelor's Degree Program**



First Trust'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 Credit Union – if not a current member, applicant may open an account at any local branch location. (Bring photo I.D. and social security card, and parent/guardian if under 18 years of age.)**
- B. Graduation from an accredited high school and 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](mailto:scholarships@firsttrustcu.com) or mail to The Scholarship Committee, c/o First Trust Credit Union, 950 E US Hwy 20, Michigan City IN 46360, or hand deliver to your local First Trust branch. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. Friday, March 15, 2019.

Announcement of the winner and presentation of the scholarship will take place at the annual awards program.

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

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**Local First Trust Branch:**

Circle one:                                    MC   LP   Valpo   Wheatfield

**Your Personal Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your First Trust Credit Union 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**

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**Junior Year: ( no more than 3)**

**Office held or duties**

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**Sophomore Year: ( no more than 2)**

**Office held or duties**

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**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**

**Time of service**

\_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities :

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Activity**

**Time of service**

\_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities :

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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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 Credit Union 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of:**

**Parent or Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date received by scholarship committee** \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Applicants name \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers Name (Print)\_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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