



2016 Meridian Trust College Scholarship Guidelines and Selection Criteria

Enter to win one of two, \$1,000 Meridian Trust Federal Credit Union College Scholarships being awarded for the 2016-2017 school year.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Applicant must personally be a member of Meridian Trust FCU.
- Applicant must attend a university or college in the fall of 2016.
- Important Note: You do **not** have to be a first-year student to apply!

Who is *Not* Eligible to Apply?

- Meridian Trust FCU employees **and** their family members
- Non-members
- Meridian Trust Board members and their families
- Meridian Trust Supervisory Committee members and their families

How do I Apply?

Create a short video answering one of the two following questions below:

- Explain the importance of your major in today's society. What are the most important issues your field is facing today?
- What do you hope to find over the rainbow?

Entry deadline is midnight Tuesday, April 19th, 2016.

1. Your video must be six (6) minutes in length ***or less***.
2. Post your video to *YouTube*. Do not tag it or put Meridian Trust Federal Credit Union or Scholarship in the name.
3. Fill out the online form on our website.

Judging will take place the week of April 25th. Winners will be notified by May 2nd.

Scholarships:

Two separate \$1,000 Scholarships (\$2,000 in total) will be awarded to qualified individual applicants. The scholarships can be used towards tuition and/or expenses at your university or college. Each scholarship will be awarded as a check made payable to the applicable institution with instructions to the financial aid office to obligate half of the scholarship for the fall 2016 and half for the spring 2017 semesters. No transfer, postponement, or substitution of award is permitted by recipient. Acceptance of a scholarship constitutes permission to use recipients' names, likeness, and entries for promotional and advertising purposes without further compensation.

Judging:

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

Decisions of judges are final. Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the Meridian Trust Annual Meeting, which will be held at Little America in Cheyenne on Saturday, May 21st. Scholarship recipients are not required to attend the Annual Meeting in order to receive their scholarship.

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 FCU 2016-2017 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.