



2026 Route 31 Foundation Scholarship Information

Awards:

Four \$750 scholarships will be awarded each year. Awards are one-time only, but applicants are welcome to reapply. Scholarship checks will be made payable to the attending college, university, or vocational school. Route 31 Foundation reserves the right to modify or discontinue this program at any time.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a high school senior or graduate accepted by or attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution or vocational school.
- *Employees and Board Members of Route 31 Foundation or Route 31 Credit Union and their immediate family members are not eligible to receive the scholarships.*

Selection of Recipients:

Scholarship recipients will be selected by an impartial committee appointed by the Route 31 Foundation Board of Directors. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, and work experience.

All applicant information will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for the purpose of choosing scholarship recipients. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision no later than **April 26th**.

Requirements to Apply:

- Applicant must **apply between January 1st and April 1st** of the current school year by submitting the following:
 - Completed application (including signed media release)
 - Essay (200-300 word typed essay on **one** of the following topics):
 - Do you feel financial literacy should be taught in the classroom?
 - How does financial knowledge build stronger communities?
 - What are your educational and career goals?
- Applications that are submitted must be complete and include all required documents to be considered for award selection.
- Please mail or drop off completed application and essay by **April 1st** to:
Route 31 Foundation
Attention: Scholarship Committee
715 Terrace Street, Suite 101
Muskegon, MI 49440