



2026 Tom Foerster memorial scholarship fund application

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In partnership with the Nevada Independent Insurance Agents, Markel® is proud to offer the Tom Foerster memorial scholarship in an effort to support Nevada's insurance industry by providing funds to agents and/or their families for advanced education.

This scholarship is available to two different types of applicants:

1. NIIA members and their family members
2. Employees of an NIIA member agency

The scholarship can be used for higher education and/or obtaining a professional designation in insurance.

Terms for payment of the scholarship will be worked out with the recipient.

Please fill out the appropriate application by **May 15, 2026** and send to Rob Jewell at rob.jewell@markel.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Rob via email or by phone at +1.702.294.7960.

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**Application 1 – NIIA member and/or family member**

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- Resident of the state of Nevada
- One letter of recommendation from either:
 - NIIA member
- OR**
- Non-relative
- Grade point average
 - 3.0 minimum
- Minimum of senior status in high school

Scholarships will be evaluated on:

- Quality of application
- Needs basis

The scholarship will be made available to qualifying students for the 2026 school year:

- \$2,500
- All applications must be emailed by **May 15, 2026**

Application

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Permanent address: _____

Home phone: _____ Email: _____

Current class standing: (Check one)

HS Senior Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Master candidate

Other: _____

Major field of study: (If applicable) _____

Minor field of study: (If applicable) _____

School currently attending: _____

School to attend next year: _____

Date expected to complete degree: (Month/Year)

Undergraduate: _____ Graduate: _____



Academic record: (Fill out which is applicable)

High school (GPA) _____ on a _____ scale

Undergraduate (GPA) _____ on a _____ scale

Graduate (GPA) _____ on a _____ scale

Scholastic honors earned: (Elaborate)

Scholarships received: (Indicate the date, amount, and source of other scholarships awarded)

Extracurricular and personal activities: (Year of participation, accomplishments, etc.)

Work experience: (Attach sheet if necessary)

Please include the following items along with your application.

*Applications received after **May 15, 2026** will not be reviewed.

- Completed application
- Most recent educational transcript
- Essay: In 500 words or less, explain your chosen career path and goals and expand on how your experience has set you up to be a leader in your chosen field.
- One reference letter from an NIIA member or from a non-relative

I hereby verify that all statements and information given above are true and accurate.

Applicant signature

Please send completed packet to:

Rob Jewell at rob.jewell@markel.com

**Application 2 – Employee of NIIA member agency**

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of the NIIA
- Resident of the state of Nevada
- Have at least two years of industry employment
- Must be engaged in a course of study designed to expand knowledge of employment and/or to pursue proper insurance designations
- One letter of recommendation from either:
 - Current employer**OR**
 - NIIA member

Scholarships will be evaluated on:

- Quality of application
- Needs basis

The scholarship will be made available to qualifying professionals for 2026:

- \$2,500
- All applications must be emailed by **May 15, 2026**

Application

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Permanent address: _____

Home phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____

Employer address: _____

Employer phone: _____ Employer email: _____

Current position/title: _____

Honors earned/awards received: (Attach a separate sheet if necessary)



Employment history: (Start with current employer. Attach resume or separate sheet if necessary.)

Specific nature of work	Employer	Dates of employment

Insurance, risk management, actuarial science or college courses completed or currently enrolled in. (If applicable: Attach separate sheet if necessary.) Include professional/insurance-related designations earned or anticipated:

Course	Organization/college	Date complete/to be completed

Designation	Date recieved	Anticipated completion date



Leadership activities: Include events and/or accomplishments that demonstrate your leadership skills. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

Activity	Year of participation	# hours/weeks	Position held/honor won

Please include the following items along with your application.

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- Completed application
- One reference letter from current employer or from NIIA member
- Essay: In 500 words or less, explain your chosen career path and goals within the insurance industry.
- Course completion documentation: Documentation of designation to be completed

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