



# 2024 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 24, 2024** and send to Andrea Davis at [andrea.davis@markel.com](mailto:andrea.davis@markel.com).

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea via email or by phone at +1.702.294.7252.

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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 2024 school year:

- \$2,500
- All applications must be emailed by **May 24, 2024**

**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 24, 2024** will not be reviewed.

- Completed application
- Most recent educational transcript
- Essay: In 500 words or less, explain your chosen career path and goals within the insurance industry.
- 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.

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Applicant signature

**Please send completed packet to:**

Andrea Davis at [andrea.davis@markel.com](mailto:andrea.davis@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 2024:

- \$2,500
- All applications must be emailed by **May 24, 2024**

**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

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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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