



Mesabi Range
Foundation



2024-2025 Scholarships

Mesabi Range Foundation and Alumni Scholarships

*The availability of these scholarships and the amount of the awards are subject to change.
An application is required for award consideration unless otherwise noted.*

- **Alumni – Entering Freshmen Scholarship**

- \$2,000 award
- Award is given to a high school senior who enrolls as a full-time freshman at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus. (9 credits of the full-time credits must be registered at a Mesabi Campus).
- The students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

- **Alumni – F.B. Moe Memorial Scholarship**

- \$2,000 award
- Award is given to an outstanding freshman who enrolls as a **full-time sophomore** at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus (9 credits of the full-time credits must be registered at a Mesabi Campus).
- The students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA.
- Provided in memory of Floyd B. Moe, who was a long-time educator and school administrator in Virginia. This award is based on scholastic ability

- **Alumni – Margaret Marvin Memorial Scholarship**

- Approximately \$4,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time student who enrolls at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus. (9 credits of the full-time credits must be registered at a Mesabi Campus).
- The recipient must demonstrate good character, leadership skills, community involvement and preferably express an interest in teaching. Incoming freshmen, sophomores, and non-traditional students are eligible.
- This scholarship is funded through an endowment in memory of Margaret Marvin who, for more than 30 years, was a member and supporter of the Mesabi Alumni Association.

- **Alumni – Pat and Babs Dimberio Memorial Scholarship**

- \$2,000 award
- This scholarship will be awarded to a full-time traditional student (9 credits must be enrolled at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus), who has completed a minimum of 15 college credits.
- The students must have an overall 3.5 GPA and be enrolled in accredited Minnesota North College courses
- This scholarship is given in memory of community and educational supporters Pat and Babs Dimberio.

- **Alumni – Ray Bennick Trade/Craft Scholarship**

- \$2,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (9 credits of the 12 full-time credits must be registered at Minnesota North College - Eveleth campus) who are enrolled in a technical program.
- Awards are based on skills and **a recommendation from a high school or college instructor or from the workplace.**
- This scholarship is given in memory of Ray Bennick, a Mesabi Community College Continuing Education Director and Engineering Technical Instructor.

- **Alumni – VJC Judie Kauchick Memorial Scholarship**

- \$4,000 award
- Award is given to an outstanding student who enrolls as a full-time student at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus (9 credits of the full-time credits must be registered at a Mesabi Campus).
- Incoming freshmen, sophomores, and non-traditional students are eligible.
- The students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- This award is primarily directed to a student with a STEM or Business-related curriculum and is based on community involvement and scholastic ability.
- This scholarship was founded by Virginia Junior College graduates in recognition of the pivotal role the College and its faculty played in assisting those students on their journey.

- **Alumni – William Monat Memorial Scholarship**

- \$2,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (9 credits must be registered at Minnesota North College - Virginia Campus).
- Incoming freshmen, sophomores and non-traditional students are eligible
- The students must have a minimum 3.2 GPA.
- Preference given to an Education (teaching) major.
- This award is based on financial need, and scholastic ability.
- Provided in memory of William Monat, a long-time educator, coach, and administrator in Virginia.

- **American Association of University Women Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a non-traditional, full-time female student (at least 12 credits) pursuing the field of their choice.
- The students must be a returning student and maintain a 3.3 GPA or higher.

- **Andrew Lang Memorial Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a student who is enrolled in the Accounting, Business, and/or Economics field of study.
- The recipient must maintain a 3.0 GPA, be an Iron Range resident and a full-time student (at least 12 credits) at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus.

- **Archie Hill Memorial Scholarship**

- \$1,500 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus, and is based on scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA or higher), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$750 in the fall semester, and \$750 in the spring semester.

- **Artisan Scholarship**

- \$250 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) enrolled in the Welding program on the Eveleth Campus or a student majoring in the Arts.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

- **Dr. Barbara Avern Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a non-traditional, full-time female student (at least 12 credits) pursuing the field of their choice.
- Student must plan on attending a four-year college after graduating from MN North-Mesabi Range
- Recipient will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement (3.4 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.
- The students must be a returning student and maintain a 3.4 GPA or higher.

- **Barb Garni Memorial Scholarship**

- \$1,500 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus.
- The recipient must maintain a 3.0 GPA.
- Preference is given to individuals who show strong community involvement.
- Applicant must **submit two recommendation letters** to be eligible for this scholarship.
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$750 in the fall semester, and \$750 in the spring semester.

- **Bill and Joan Wirtanen Memorial Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given annually to incoming freshman students demonstrating leadership ability.
- These students must have a 3.0 minimum high school GPA and be a full-time student (at least 12 credits) enrolled at the Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus.
- Preference is given to those students who major in Engineering, Health, Physical Education, or Education.

- **Carl G. Carlson Memorial Scholarship**

- \$2,500 award
- Award is given to full-time students (at least 12 credits) at MRC who are pursuing a technical degree.
- This scholarship is awarded to a student in need of a second chance, thus there is no minimum GPA required to qualify.
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$1,250 in the fall semester, and \$1,250 in the spring semester.

- **Christine Springhetti Memorial Nursing Scholarship**

- \$1,200 award
- Award is given to an outstanding second year full-time student (at least 12 credits) pursuing a degree in Nursing at Minnesota North College - Eveleth Campus.
- Recipient must be a non-traditional student (5 or more years out of high school) and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Preference is given to Iron Range students who ***will not receive multiple scholarships.***
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$600 in the fall semester, and \$600 in the spring semester.

- **Cleveland Cliffs Scholarship**

- \$2,000 award
- Award is given to deserving full-time students (at least 12 credits) majoring in Engineering or the IMT program.
- Consideration will be given to a returning student; however, first year students are also encouraged to apply.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

- **Dan and Yvonne Webb Engineering Scholarship**

- Awards range from \$3,000 - \$6,000 per student for the first semester – “Bell Academy”
- Awards are given to students that are majoring in Engineering in their Junior or Senior year in the Minnesota State University – Mankato - Iron Range Engineering program.
- Preference is given to women from Northeastern Minnesota

- **Dave Stillman Memorial Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a deserving high school graduate of the Arrowhead Region of Northeastern Minnesota.
- The recipient must be a full-time student (at least 12 credits) enrolled at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus, and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA while pursuing the field of their choice.
- This scholarship is awarded each year in memory of Dave Stillman, whose motto was "Livin' the Dream". The recipient must have commitment to living his or her dream.

- **Eino Kopponen Memorial Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a full time student (at least 12 credits) majoring in the legal field, preferably an attorney.
- Recipient will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.
- In the absence of deserving applicants in the legal field, students meeting the rest of the criteria will also be considered.

- **Emily & Joseph Kraker Memorial Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) based on scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.

- **Eveleth Elks/Cruise Eveleth Scholarship**

- \$1,500 award
- Award is given to a full time student (at least 12 credits) pursuing a technical degree.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Recipients must have a record of community involvement and exhibit financial need.

- **Gene F. Kishel M.D. and Brynhild Kishel Engineering Scholarship**

- \$750 award
- Award is given to full time (at least 12 credits) Mesabi Range College graduate students who are entering their Junior or Senior year in the Minnesota State University - Mankato's Iron Range Engineering program.
- Preference will be given to Mechanical Engineering students; however, all students are encouraged to apply, regardless of the engineering field they are pursuing.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- This award will be given to the applicant who exhibits promise in their chosen field based on recommendations submitted.
- The recipient must be a graduate of one of the following high schools: Eveleth-Gilbert, Ely, Mesabi East, Mt. Iron - Buhl, St. Louis County Schools, or Virginia.

- **Iron Range Engineering Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to full time (at least 12 credits) qualifying students in the Pre-Engineering program at Minnesota North College - Mesabi Range Virginia or in the Iron Range Engineering program through Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- The scholarship may be given out in the Fall or Spring semester - dependent on student status.

- **Iron Range Rotary – John Damberg Community Service Scholarship**

- \$750 award – one to a male student, one to a female student
- Award is given to full time returning (2nd year) students (at least 12 credits) while attending Minnesota North College - Eveleth Campus.
- The recipient must have a 2.5 GPA or higher
- Strong participation in volunteer service within church and/or community is a focus for this award.

- **Jeremy Jindra Memorial Scholarship**

- \$2,500 award
- Award is given to full time students (at least 12 credits) to recognize scholastic achievement and other exceptional qualities while attending Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus.
- There is no minimum GPA for this award
- The recipient must show extreme dedication to accomplishing their goals, and is someone who is very determined and has a financial need.
- ***Recipients of this scholarship cannot accept any other awards from the Foundation.***
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$1,000 in the fall semester, and \$1,000 in the spring semester.

- **Jerome “Jerry” Welch Memorial Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) with a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Recipient will be a student in the Millwright program.

- **Joanne Lindgren Memorial Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a full time student (at least 12 credits) on the basis of scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.
- Recipient will be a student majoring in the field of Medicine or pursuing a Nursing degree on either campus.
- This scholarship is given in memory of Mrs. Joanne Lindgren who dedicated her life to nursing and helping others.

- **Joe Kraker Jr. Memorial Engineering Scholarship**

- \$750 award
- Award is given to a full time (at least 12 credits) first or second year student attending Mesabi Range and majoring in the Engineering.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

- **Johnson Family Scholarship**

- \$5,000 award
- Award is given to a full time student (at least 12 credits) at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus who is strongly dedicated to the fields of Engineering, Math or the Sciences.
- **A recommendation from a Math or Science Instructor is required for all applicants.**
- This scholarship will be awarded to a student who is focused, hard-working and determined to succeed in these fields with a minimum 3.5 GPA.
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$2,500 in the fall semester, and \$2,500 in the spring semester.

- **Joseph J. Rebovich Memorial Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a full time student (at least 12 credits) majoring in Law Enforcement.
- Recipient will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.
- In the absence of deserving applicants in the Law Enforcement field, students meeting the rest of the criteria will also be considered.

- **Josephine A. Elioff – Voiture 634 40/8 Nursing Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Recipients must be enrolled in the Nursing Program, returning for their 2nd semester.
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) on the basis of scholastic achievement (2.5 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.
- **Requires a recommendation from nursing faculty.**

- **Lake Country Power Les Beach Memorial Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to an entering or returning full time student (at least 12 credits) on either campus whose parent/guardian is an active member of the Lake Country Power Electric Cooperative.
- Recipient will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement (2.5 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.

- **LaMarche Creek Foundation Scholarship**

- \$3,000 award
- Award is given annually based on need and promise to deserving high school graduates of the Iron Range area.
- Recipients must be an incoming freshmen enrolled at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus as a full time student (at least 12 credits) with minimum 2.5 GPA and pursuing the field of their choice.
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$1,500 in the fall semester, and \$1,500 in the spring semester.

- **Louanne Picek Memorial Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a full time student (at least 12 credits) on the basis of scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.
- Recipient must be enrolled in the Executive Office Management Program, or Business if there are no qualified applicants in the Executive Office Management Program.

- **Marian E. Haij Memorial Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a full time student (at least 12 credits) on the basis of scholastic achievement (2.5 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.
- Recipient will be a student majoring in the field of Medicine or pursuing a Nursing degree on either campus.
- This scholarship is given in memory of Marian Haij, an alumni of Mesabi Range College.

- **Marjorie Bangs-Schmitt Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a full time student (at least 12 credits) majoring in the field of Science.
- Recipient will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement (2.5 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.
- Marjorie Bangs Schmitt was a Chemistry instructor at Mesabi from 1970-1989.

- **Matt Rozinka Memorial Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a full time student (at least 12 credits) who demonstrates a passion for the paramedic field and are highly involved in their school and/or community.
- The recipient must have a 2.5 GPA or higher.
- This scholarship is given in memory of Matt Rozinka, a graduate from the Paramedic program at Mesabi Range College.

- **Megan Ashley Anderson Memorial Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time entering or returning student (at least 12 credits) enrolled in the Graphic Design & Print Communications program.
- Award is given on the basis of scholastic achievement, demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- This scholarship is given in memory of Megan Anderson, a former student in the Graphic Design & Print Communications program.

- **Mesabi Range Foundation Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) who has a cumulative 2.5 GPA.

- **Mountain Iron Lions Club Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a Mountain Iron-Buhl High School graduate who is a full time student (at least 12 credits) at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus.
- Award is given on the basis of community service, financial need, and promise in their field of choice based upon **recommendations** submitted.

- **MRC Faculty/Staff Scholarship**

- \$1,500 award
- Award is given on the basis of scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.
- Recipients should be a full-time incoming freshman student (at least 12 credits) and may be enrolled at either campus.
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$750 in the fall semester, and \$750 in the spring semester.

- **Pro-Print Scholarship**

- \$250 award
- Award is given to a full-time Graphic Design student (at least 12 credits) chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.

- **Rainy River Recovery Scholarship**

- \$1,500 award
- Award is given to an outstanding returning full-time student (at least 12 credits) continuing their degree in Chemical Dependency at Mesabi Range College.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$750 in the fall semester, and \$750 in the spring semester.

- **Ray Garni Memorial Scholarship**

- \$1,500 award
- Award is given to an incoming freshmen who is a full-time student (at least 12 credits) at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus, and is strongly dedicated to pursuing a degree in a STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math) field. A strong commitment to his or her goals is extremely important.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$750 in the fall semester, and \$750 in the spring semester.
- This scholarship is given in memory of Ray Garni, a long time educator at Mesabi Range College.

- **Rod & Jackie Ogrzovich Scholarship**

- \$2,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) pursuing a degree at the Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus.
- This student must be an active resident of the Iron Range and in need of financial aid.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$1,000 in the fall semester, and \$1,000 in the spring semester.

- **Roy K. Carlson Honor Scholarship**

- \$2,500 award
- Award is given to full-time students (at least 12 credits) who plans to make teaching their profession.
- This scholarship will be awarded to a student in need of a second chance, thus there is no minimum GPA required to qualify.
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$1,250 in the fall semester, and \$1,250 in the spring semester.

- **Ruth Kanianen and Bob Clark Journalism/Education Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) majoring in Journalism or Education.
- Recipients will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.

- **Soroptimist Club – LPN Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time non-traditional student (at least 12 credits) enrolled in the Practical Nursing Program.
- Recipients shall be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as result of receiving this scholarship.

- **Tom Rukavina Engineering Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time Entering Junior student (at least 12 credits) into MSUM's Iron Range Engineering Program at Minnesota North College - Virginia Campus that is strongly dedicated to his or her field, who is focused, hard-working and determined to succeed.
- A minimum 2.5 GPA is preferred but, not required.
- The recipient must be a graduate of an Iron Range High School.

- **Tony & Joyce Nigro Education Scholarship**

- \$1,500 award
- Award is given to outstanding full-time students (at least 12 credits) pursuing a degree in Education at Mesabi Range College.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- The award will be disbursed over two semesters - \$750 in the fall semester, and \$750 in the spring semester.

- **Trenti Law Firm Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) enrolled in the Business Operations Management Program or an Accounting program.
- Recipient will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.

- **Twin Cities Iron Ranger Scholarship**

- \$750 award
- Award is given annually to a full-time students (at least 12 credits) based on scholarship and financial need.
- Recipient must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and be a resident of the Iron Range Area.

- **Ulseth Family Scholarship**

- \$1,250 award
- Award is given to a full time (at least 12 credits) first or second year student attending Mesabi Range and majoring in the Engineering.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

- **Virginia Ladies of Kaleva Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a full-time sophomore student (at least 12 credits) from either campus.
- Recipient will be a person of Finnish descent and be chosen on the basis of: scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.
- A brief paragraph will be required concerning your Finnish heritage.

- **Virginia Lions Club Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) pursuing a major of their choice.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

- **Walfred A. Bodas Memorial Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) who must be planning to make teaching his/her career.
- A minimum 3.5 GPA is required.

- **Walker, Giroux, & Hahne Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) who is an outstanding Accounting major returning to Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus.
- Recipient will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA), demonstration of skill & aptitude, record of good citizenship, school/community involvement and whose educational opportunities will be enhanced as a result of receiving this scholarship.