



Mesabi Range
Foundation



2026-2027 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**

- Scholarship award up to \$2,000
- 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**

- Scholarship award up to \$2,000
- 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**

- Scholarship award up to \$4,800
- 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**

- Scholarship award up to \$2,000
- 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 – Trade/Craft Scholarship**

- Scholarship award up to \$2,000
- 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**

- Scholarship award up to \$4,000
- 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**

- Scholarship award up to \$2,000
- 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**

- \$300 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) enrolled in the Welding program on the Eveleth Campus.
- The recipient must have a 2.5 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.
- Applicants 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**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given annually to incoming freshman students demonstrating leadership ability.
- Student 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 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.

- **Cleveland Cliffs Scholarship**

- \$2,000 award
- Award is given to deserving full-time students (at least 12 credits) majoring in Engineering, Welding, Electrical Controls and Maintenance or the Industrial Mechanical Technology programs.
- 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**

- \$3,000 award
- Awards are given to students that are majoring in Engineering in their Junior year in the Minnesota State University – Mankato - Iron Range Engineering program.
- The recipient must be a female graduate of an Iron Range High School.

- **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.

- **Dr. Barbara Avern Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a non-traditional, full-time female student (at least 12 credits) pursuing a career in the field of science or health-related field, including biology, chemistry, physics, etc.
- Student must plan on attending a four-year college after graduating from MN North-Mesabi Range
- Recipient will be chosen based on 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.

- **Ed and Cora Remus Engineering Scholarship**

- \$5,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) majoring in Engineering.
- Recipient must be in the 2nd year of the Engineering program.
- Recipient must be in the top half of their class as determined by the Academic Advisors.
- Recipient must be intending and progressing to a Bachelor's Degree.

- **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 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.
- In the absence of deserving applicants in the legal field, students meeting the rest of the criteria will also be considered.

- **Emberg Charitable Trust Scholarship**

- \$2,500 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) and is enrolled in the LPN, Paramedic, Welding, Electrical Controls Maintenance or Industrial Technology programs on the Eveleth Campus.

- **Emily and 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.

- **Fine Arts Scholarship**

- \$300 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) student majoring/minoring in the Arts Transfer program on the Virginia Campus.
- The recipient must have a 2.5 GPA or higher.

- **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.

- **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 Industrial Mechanical Technology (Millwright) program.

- **Joanne Lindgren 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.
- 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 Engineering.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

- **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 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.
- 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) based on 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 based on 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 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) 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.
- 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) based on 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 alumnus 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 based on 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.

- **Marvin Companies Iron Range Engineering Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) in the Iron Range Engineering program.
- Recipients will be chosen 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.

- **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 based on 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.

- **MRC Faculty/Staff Scholarship**

- \$1,500 award
- Award is given based on scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA).
- 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.

- **Patricia Ann Emberg Charitable Trust Scholarship**

- \$2,500 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) and is enrolled in the LPN, Paramedic, Welding, Electrical Controls Maintenance or Industrial Technology programs on the Eveleth Campus.

- **Pro-Print Scholarship**

- \$250 award
- Award is given to a full-time Graphic Design student (at least 12 credits) chosen based on scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA).

- **Quad Cities Lions Club Scholarship**

- \$500 award
- Award is given to a graduate from the Eveleth-Gilbert, Mountain Iron-Buhl, Virginia or Rock Ridge school district and is a full-time student (at least 12 credits) at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus.
- The recipient must have a record of school/community involvement.

- **Ray Garni Memorial Scholarship**

- \$1,500 award
- Award is given to an incoming freshman 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 Ogresovich Scholarship**

- \$2,500 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 plan 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 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.

- **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 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 result of receiving this scholarship.

- **TCIRA Rangerspeil Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given annually to a full-time student (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.

- **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.

- **Tom Rukavina Mineral Royalties Scholarship**

- ***Funded by St. Louis County mining money: This scholarship is funded by St. Louis County from mining revenue received through mineral royalties from tax-forfeited severed minerals and from various mining production taxes as a result of mining operations in St. Louis County.***
- \$500 - \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded annually
- Open to all students who received a high school diploma, or equivalent, while they were a resident of St. Louis County and have a 2.0 GPA
- Factors to be considered for successful selection of the awardees will be:
 - Student must submit an articulated statement of their financial need as a barrier to successful beginning, continuing and/or completing a degree program
 - Enrollment in a high demand degree program / career field
 - Intent/Plan to successfully complete a program of study
 - Intent/Plan to remain a resident or be employed in St. Louis County to help meet the growing workforce needs
 - The student must have potential for degree completion

- **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 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.

- **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 Engineering.
- The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

- **Virginia Elks Lodge #1003 Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) pursuing a major of their choice.

- **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 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.
- A brief paragraph will be required concerning your Finnish heritage.

- **Walfred A. Bodas Memorial Scholarship**

- \$1,000 award
- Award is given to a full-time freshmen 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 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.

- **Wayne C. Chezick Memorial Scholarship**

- 2 – \$250 awards
- Award is given to a full-time student (at least 12 credits) at Minnesota North College - Virginia or Eveleth Campus.
- Recipient must be a non-traditional student and maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Scholarship will be awarded to a student with financial need
- One scholarship will be given to a deserving student on the Virginia Campus, and one scholarship will be given to a deserving student on the Eveleth Campus.