



Emerging Trail Leaders Scholarship Announcement

***APPLICATIONS OPEN SEPTEMBER 1, 2026**

American Trails and the Professional TrailBuilders Association are proud to offer Emerging Trail Leaders (ETL) Scholarships to worthy recipients, both domestic and international, to attend the International Trails Summit in Durham, North Carolina in April 2027.

Scholarships include a free registration.

**PLEASE NOTE: Scholarships will be evaluated starting November 1, 2026 on a rolling basis as funds become available.*

Our goal is to create an inclusive environment and to break down barriers for attendance. As such we strongly encourage Black, Indigenous, all Peoples of Color, members of 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and women to apply. There is no age limit to apply.

Instructions:

Applications will be submitted through an [online application form](#).

You will need to gather the following information to complete your application:

- Contact details (name, email, date of birth, address, phone)
- Reason you should receive a scholarship (250 words or less)
- Background in trails (250 words or less)
- Ethnicity background
- Headshot
- Supporting documents (such as a reference letter, resume, etc.)

Agreement Details:

If selected and in order to submit a scholarship application, you **MUST** agree to the following (a check box is included in the application). Not agreeing or following through with these items can result in losing a scholarship.

It is understood that scholarship recipients are expected to:

- attend the entire conference, April 13-15, 2027.
- volunteer to help with onsite conference logistics (minimum of 4 hours)
- attend the opening plenary where they will be recognized.

Questions?

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