Since 2008, the Dustin & Kristen Yoder Memorial Foundation and the Flagstaff Field Institute have teamed to offer students an annual scholarship to wilderness medicine courses with FFI. The scholarship honors the memory of Dustin and Kristen Yoder – two amazing young people who were killed in a tragic mountaineering accident in Peru. Dustin and Kristen had participated in multiple wilderness medicine courses with NOLS Wilderness Medicine, and this scholarship enables other aspiring outdoor leaders to gain similar education in wilderness medicine.

The scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the Dustin & Kristen Yoder Memorial Foundation. More information on the foundation, other scholarships, and the lives of Dustin and Kristen can be obtained at www.yoderfoundation.org.

The scholarship will provide students with the full tuition for a Hybrid Wilderness First Responder course or Wilderness Upgrade for Medical Professionals course sponsored by the Flagstaff Field Institute and NOLS Wilderness Medicine. The recipient may attend one of the following courses:

- Hybrid WFR course on January 4-8 in Phoenix
- PRM 216 Hybrid WFR course on January 6-10 (NAU students only)
- Hybrid WFR course on January 13-17 in Las Vegas
- Hybrid WFR course on January 20-24 in Flagstaff
- Wilderness Upgrade for Medical Professionals course on January 27-31 in Tucson

**HOW TO APPLY**

All applicants must submit a completed scholarship application and FFI registration form. The application form and FFI registration form are combined into a single document available on the FFI website. Applicants may also be requested to submit recent 1040 tax forms with all IRS required schedules and forms that verify the financial information on the application. Applicants who are dependents may also be requested to submit their parent or guardian's most recent 1040 form with all IRS required schedules. W-2s are not an acceptable substitute for 1040 forms. In lieu of a 1040 forms, international applicants must include documentation (tax forms) stating annual income. Note, that if FFI or the Yoder Foundation requests these forms, the forms must be submitted by the appointed deadline or the scholarship application will not be considered.

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**

Completed scholarship applications and FFI registration forms must be received by FFI by November 1, 2026. Applicants will be notified of the results by December 1, 2026. Applications should be emailed to pete@FlagstaffFieldInstitute.com.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the application process. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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