



United Consumers Credit Union 2025 Scholarship Guidelines

United Consumers Credit Union will award two \$1,500 scholarships to credit union members age 17 or older who:

- Have graduated or will be graduating from high school by June 2025, and will attend a college or other accredited post-graduate program on a full-time basis in the fall semester 2025. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the student/institution.

Or

- Are currently enrolled in college or other accredited post-graduate program for the spring semester 2025 and plan to enroll on a full-time basis in the fall 2025 semester. Scholarship funds will be paid to the student/institution after enrollment in the fall 2025 semester is confirmed.

Alternates will also be chosen for each scholarship in the event the winner of the scholarship loses his/her eligibility.

All scholarship applications, essays and letters of reference must be postmarked no later than May 23, 2025, and sent to:

United Consumers Credit Union
Attn.: 2025 Scholarship Committee
1111 E. 23rd St.
Independence, MO 64055

Please note, all application materials will become the sole property of UCCU, for use at the credit union's discretion, and will not be returned to the applicant.

If you have any questions, please contact the credit union at 816-325-6900.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants and/or their parents/guardians must be United Consumers Credit Union members at the scholarship entry deadline. Credit union volunteers, employees and their immediate families are not eligible. For the purpose of this scholarship, immediate family includes: spouse, parent, child, grandchild, sibling and any of their spouses.

Failure to adhere to application guidelines or rules of eligibility will result in scholarship disqualification.

The credit union shall actively promote equal opportunity policies and practices conforming to federal and state laws against discrimination, and shall not discriminate in offering scholarship consideration on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or veteran status.

Selection Criteria

The scholarship winners and alternates will be chosen by a committee comprised of credit union employees, credit union volunteer board/committee member(s) and other volunteers. The winning applicant will demonstrate a balanced combination of:

- Academic achievement
- Strong work ethic (part-time work and/or volunteerism)
- School and community activities
- Written expression (essay of at least 500 words)
- Character (letter of reference)

Scholarship Essay

Please attach a typed essay of at least 500 words on one of the following topics:

- 1. What is the most important financial lesson you've learned, and how does your credit union membership factor into that lesson?***
- 2. Member ownership, volunteer leadership and excellent personal service set credit unions apart from other financial institutions. Which of these three distinctions do you feel is the most important and why?***
- 3. Community service is part of the credit union difference. Please tell us about a time when you contributed your time or talents to your community and what you gained from that experience.***

In order to maintain a fair evaluation and selection process, we ask that you do not specifically name any UCCU members in your essay.

Letter of Reference

One letter of reference from any one of the following sources is required for consideration for a UCCU scholarship:

Employer, Teacher, Coach, Counselor or Clergy

The letter should include ***the name and daytime phone number of the person providing the reference***, as well as this person's relationship to the applicant. This letter may cite examples of the applicant's character, workplace or school accomplishments or any information describing why the applicant is a worthy candidate.

High School Scholarship Application

Student Name		
Home Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone No.		
Birth Date	Social Security No.	
Parent/Guardian Full Name		
Account Number <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's Account <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian Account		
Name of High School <i>Winning applicant will be asked to show transcript as proof of GPA and graduation.</i>		
High School Cumulative GPA _____ on a _____ point scale.		
Intended College/University		

Extracurricular Activities

How do you spend time outside of the classroom? Please list all work experience, school activities and/or community involvement. Include the approximate number of hours per month you spend doing each activity and a brief explanation of how you participated. You may attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

Activity	Hours/Month	Duties/Responsibilities	School Year			
			9	10	11	12

College Scholarship Application

Student Name		
Home Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone No.		
Birth Date	Social Security No.	
Parent/Guardian Full Name		
Account Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's Account <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian Account	
Name of College/University <small>Winning applicant will be asked to show transcript as proof of GPA.</small>		
Current Credit Hours	Cumulative GPA _____ on a _____ point scale.	

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