



**2024 MY CREDIT UNION  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
POST SECONDARY  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



January 1, 2024

Dear MY CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for considering the 2024 MY CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION Post-Secondary Scholarship.

- Scholarships are now funded via the MY CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
- The program now features up to 5 annual scholarship awards of \$1,500 (an increase from \$1,000 in previous years) for deserving MY CREDIT UNION high school seniors.

As you complete the MY scholarship application process, remember these scholarships are funded by your fellow 24,000 MY CREDIT UNION members and the fundraising activities of the MY CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

Review the enclosed application materials. If you have questions as you move forward with your scholarship submission, please contact MY CREDIT UNION at 612.798.7100 and MY staff will be more than happy to assist you.

Due to the high volume of scholarship applications received annually only winning submissions are notified, but we wish all candidates the best as they pursue their dreams.

Sincerely,

Greg Worthen  
President  
MY CREDIT UNION

Todd Barduson  
Executive Director  
MY CREDIT UNION  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Jim Habeck  
Board Chairperson  
MY CREDIT UNION

## 2024 MY CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION Scholarship Program

MY CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION will award up to 5 - \$1,500 scholarships to qualified high school seniors graduating in spring 2024, who are primary members of MY CREDIT UNION, and are pursuing post-secondary degrees (including trade school) in the fall of 2024.

### Eligibility Requirements Include:

- Primary MY CREDIT UNION membership prior to applying. (Not under parent - your own membership.)
- Persons who live, work, worship, attend school or volunteer in Hennepin, Dakota, Scott, Carver, Rice or Le Sueur Counties are eligible for primary membership at MY CREDIT UNION. Other requirements may apply.
- Maintain primary MY CREDIT UNION membership through award period, otherwise funds may not be awarded.
- Must be a member in good standing to be considered and to receive an award.
- Must complete the application and submit it by 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024.
- MY CREDIT UNION employees and immediate family members are not eligible to apply.

### Application Checklist:

To be considered - an applicant must submit:

- A completed, original signed application, including applicant's MY CREDIT UNION member number.
- Attached answers to the essay questions – students must compose their own answers to essay questions and not utilize artificial intelligence or other sources to generate their responses.
- Resume listing honors, awards, achievements, extra-curricular & volunteer activities.
- Certified high school transcript with GPA from the end of the most recent school year.
- At least one letter of recommendation
- Please reach out prior to application deadline if having problems completing checklist items.

**Completed applications must be received no later than 12 p.m. Saturday, April 6, 2024.**

Please submit - **ATTN: MY CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION Scholarship Committee.** Late submissions will not be considered.

### Judging/Notification/Awards

- A. Judging is conducted by an impartial committee. All decisions are final.
- B. Winners will be informed the first week of May, if not sooner. By accepting a scholarship award, winners agree their name and likeness can be used for publicity purposes.
- C. Award checks will be issued jointly to the winner and the school they will be attending.
- D. Prior to Fall Classes in 2024, winners must confirm enrollment and submit the school's name and address the award check should be mailed to along with any additional requirements of their school.
- E. Award must be used in the fall of 2024 and will not be carried beyond 2024 if funds go unused.

## 2024 MY CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION Scholarship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 MYCU Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

MY CREDIT UNION Member Since: \_\_\_\_\_ Currently I am:  High School Senior

High School(s) Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Unweighted (4.0 scale)     Weighted (extra points for honors or AP classes)

**If selected as an MY CREDIT UNION Scholarship Winner – the award check should be sent to:**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Scholarship Essay Questions

**Please answer these two questions on a separate piece of paper (300-word maximum per question):**

- A lot of people think it is awesome that ChatGPT/AI can do their writing for them, but that could also represent that a future employer won't need you because ChatGPT/AI can write or possibly work better and faster than you can. Without using ChatGPT/AI, please explain what you believe the role ChatGPT/AI could and should have in the future of the State of Minnesota.
- If you were to need a MY CREDIT UNION Rewards Visa Credit Card as you head off to college, which one: Classic, Signature or Platinum, do you think would be best for you and why? Please offer three ways a credit card can help you as you move forward in life and also offer three ways a credit card can hurt you as you move forward in life. Identify the one feature/benefit of MY CREDIT UNION Rewards Visa Credit Cards that is most appealing to you and why?

### Sworn Statement

I swear the attached essay is my original work and all other personal information is true and correct. I acknowledge misrepresentation of application information is sufficient grounds for denial of scholarship. I understand all submitted materials become MY property for whatever use it deems appropriate. I agree to cooperate with MY CREDIT UNION in promotional activities related to the scholarship competition and if selected as a recipient to give them permission to use my name and photo in promotional activities.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send or deliver your completed application (refer to checklist) to the following address:

MY CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION Scholarship Committee 9550 Lyndale Avenue South Bloomington, MN 55420

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