



## DIRECTIONS CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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### The Award

The Directions Credit Union Scholarship program will be broken down into two (2) categories:

- **College**
- **Private High School**

A total of **12 College** scholarships at \$1,000 each (a total of \$12,000) and a total of **3 Private High School** scholarships at \$1,000 (a total of \$3,000) will be awarded throughout the communities Directions serves.

The **College** scholarship will be paid jointly to the student and school they attend and applied to their school tuition.

The **Private High School** scholarship will be paid directly to the student's school of choice and applied to the following school year tuition.

Students are encouraged to submit their applications now through March 16, 2024.

### Eligibility

#### **College:**

The applicant must be:

- A member of Directions Credit Union or have a parent or grandparent that is a member.
- A graduating high school senior or a current full-time student, attending an accredited college, community college, or vocational/trade school.

#### **Private High School:**

The applicant must be:

- A member of Directions Credit Union or have a parent or grandparent that is a member.
- In grades eight through eleven and who attend (or will attend) a private, four year accredited High School. (This is not open to students who are homeschooled.)

All Directions Credit Union employees, board members, and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.

### Selection

**Financial need is not a criterion.** Your eligibility will not be affected by other grants or financial assistance that you may receive.

The Directions Credit Union Scholarship Program reviews applications. All decisions shall be final.

Selection criteria include applicants' quality of the completed essay. A possible total of 100 points can be awarded to the applicant.

### Requirements

1. Students must complete a Directions Credit Union application, which can be obtained online at <https://directionscu.org/why-us/in-the-community/>.

The application must be completed and returned by email to [ehagedorn@directionscu.org](mailto:ehagedorn@directionscu.org) or dropped off at any office of Directions Credit Union by March 16, 2024. If turning in paper applications to a branch, we ask that you place your application and essay in a sealed envelope and write "DCU Scholarship Attn: Erin Hagedorn"

2. A completed essay from the student addressing the question asked on the application. Essay requirements are as follows:
  - Essays must be typed and double spaced.
  - The font size must be no larger than 12pt font.
  - A maximum of 500 words or four pages double spaced.
  - You must submit your essay in either a PDF (.pdf) or Microsoft Word (.doc) file format. All other file format types will not be accepted.
3. All requirements must be met for the application to be eligible for review.
4. All winners will be notified and announced May 2024

**All applicants will receive consideration for the Scholarship without regard to sex, color, national origin or ancestry, religion, or handicap.**