



DIRECTIONS CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Award

The Directions Credit Union Scholarship program will include a total of 12 College scholarships at \$1,000 each (a total of \$12,000). Scholarships 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.

Students are encouraged to submit their applications now through March 14, 2026.

Eligibility

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.*

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 or dropped off at any office of Directions Credit Union by March 14, 2026. 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. Please do **NOT** attach document as Google Drive link.*

3. *All requirements must be met for the application to be eligible for review.*

4. *All winners will be notified and announced May 2026*

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