



### **Area Federal Credit Union Scholarship Application 2026**

Area Federal Credit Union (Area FCU) understands the importance of higher education. In order to encourage its pursuit, we will offer **five (5) \$1,000** scholarships for the 2026-2027 academic school year to Area FCU members attending a two- or four-year post-secondary accredited college or university or a technical/vocational school.

#### **Who is Eligible?**

- Applicants and/or Guardian must be a member of **Area Federal Credit Union** (Prior to 2026).
- Your account must be in good standing.
- Students must be planning to attend:
  - An accredited college or university or technical/vocational school in the fall upon high school graduation.
  - Be currently enrolled in an accredited college or university or technical/vocational school.
- Students must be in good standing with the school in which they are enrolled or have recently graduated from and have a GPA greater than 2.5.

#### **How Are Recipients Selected?**

1. Recipients of an Area Federal Credit Union Scholarship are selected on a number of criteria, including:
  - Personal Achievement
  - Extracurricular Activities and Employment
  - Credit Union Services
  - Essay
2. Judging will be completed by impartial judges chosen by Area FCU. Judges decisions are final.

**Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution which the scholar is enrolled in.**

**Application deadline: *Wednesday April 1, 2026***

Applicant # \_\_\_\_\_

(Credit Union use only)

**Area Federal Credit Union Scholarship Application 2026**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Union Member: Yes No

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ HS Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Planning to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Field of Study/Declared Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-ride scholarship? Yes No

<input type="checkbox"/> 4 yr. College or University	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 yr. Community or Junior College	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational/Technical School
--	--	--

**What will your class status be in the fall of 2026?**

<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior
-----------------------------------	------------------------------------	---------------------------------	---------------------------------

**How did you hear about the Area FCU Scholarship?** (Website, school, social media, other)**Sworn Statement**

I declare the attached essay is my original work, and all other personal information is true. I understand all submitted materials become the property of Area FCU. I further understand any statements or comments found to be invalid will disqualify my application in the selection process. I agree to cooperate with Area FCU in promotional activities related to the scholarship competition and, should I be selected a recipient, give them permission to use my name and photo in promotional activities.

**Authority of Area FCU**

Area FCU has the authority to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness awarding the scholarships. Questions regarding the scholarship should be forwarded in writing to: Marketer, Area FCU, PO Box 1495, Aberdeen, SD 57402-1495 or emailed to [leadership@areafcu.org](mailto:leadership@areafcu.org).

**I certify that everything I have stated on this application and any attachment is true.**

Applicant Signature

Date

**I give permission to release my full name to the media should I receive this scholarship.**

Applicant Signature

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (If under 18 years of age at time of application)

## Area Federal Credit Union Scholarship Application 2026

Please answer the following questions on a separate page. Please do not include your name on the separate page.

1. I am currently attending: High School / University / College / Junior College / Technical / Vocational
2. Personal Achievements:
3. Extracurricular Activities and Employment:
4. What Credit Union Services Do You Have:
  - Share Account (Savings Account)
  - Share Draft Account (Personal Checking Account)
  - Certificate of Deposit (CD)
  - Online Banking (It's Me 247)
  - Debit/ATM Card
  - Loan Product(s)

5. Essay – 500 words or less:

Essays must be typed and grammatically correct. Please do not put your name on the essay page. Area Federal Credit Union is dedicated to helping members grow, please share:

- Tell us how you became a member with Area Federal Credit Union and why you like banking here?
- What is your career/future goals after college?

**Application Deadline is Wednesday April 1, 2026!**

Mail application to:       Area Federal Credit Union  
                                  Attn: Scholarships  
                                  PO Box 1495  
                                  Aberdeen, SD 57402-1495  
                                  *\*Must be post marked by Wednesday April 1, 2026.*

Email application to:     [leadership@areafcu.org](mailto:leadership@areafcu.org)

OR:   Drop off in a sealed envelope at Area FCU - Attn: Scholarships