



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)

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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 _____

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| | 4 yr. College or University | 2 yr. Community or Junior College | Vocational/Technical School |
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What will your class status be in the fall of 2026?

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| | Freshman | Sophomore | Junior | Senior |
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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.

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)

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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?

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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

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