

Community Scholarship Program

2026 Application Form



Guidelines & Applicant Criteria

Mission of Scholarship Program:

360 Federal Credit Union is committed to helping our members achieve lifelong success by providing financial support to a deserving undergraduate member attending an institution of higher education.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited institution of higher education such as a two-year or four-year college.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior, or college student planning to attend an accredited institution of higher education in the Fall.
- Applicant must be a member of 360 Federal Credit Union.
- Applicant must have a solid academic standing, with a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or better.

Submitting Scholarship Applications:

Applications and supporting documentation must be **mailed or dropped off to one of our branch locations** (Sorry, no e-mail or faxed applications will be accepted). Documents should not be stapled together. Completed applications should be submitted no later than Friday, May 1st, 2026.

360 Federal Credit Union
Scholarship Committee
Attn: Maggie Ritchie
P.O. Box 273
Windsor Locks, CT 06096

All scholarship applications and supporting documentation should be presented in one package and must include:

- Scholarship application
- Essay
- Official transcript listing GPA

IMPORTANT: Applications will be considered complete and valid when all the documentation has been received. Any incomplete application packages will be disqualified. ***Current 360FCU employees and their families are not eligible to apply.** Applicants may request information about the program by contacting Maggie Ritchie, Marketing & Event Coordinator, at (860) 627-4213 or margaret.ritchie@360fcu.org to discuss their application prior to submission.

Selection Process:

360 Federal Credit Union will award \$1,000.00 in scholarship funds to a member(s) who best meets the criteria established by 360's Scholarship Committee. All applicants will be notified in writing of the Scholarship Committee's decision. 360 Federal Credit Union reserves the right to publicize the names and image of scholarship recipients through our website, print publications and other local media.

Scholarship Disbursement:

Scholarship check will be sent directly to the college the recipient will be attending. Scholarship funds can be used only for college expenses. Should the recipient not attend college by September, he or she agrees to forfeit the scholarship award.

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PART I

STUDENT APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Name of High School or College _____

Rank in Class _____ Grade Point Average (If not on the 4.0 scale, please convert) _____

Your 360FCU Account #: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian (s) Name _____ Parent or Legal Guardian(s) Phone _____

Do any of your relatives work at 360 Federal Credit Union? Please name the individual(s). _____

I will be going to: _____

College you plan on attending (If unsure, list the schools you have applied to.) _____ City & State _____

Type of College: 4-Year _____ 2-Year _____ Technical/Vocational _____

I'm interested in the following career: _____

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR & EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

How many hours per week do you spend doing activities? (This includes clubs, sports and employment.)

Activity	Hours Per Week
In a few sentences, tell us about this activity:	_____

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Tell us how you are involved in your community. List your volunteer* activities below:

Activity/Organization	Hours Per Week
In a few sentences, tell us more about your involvement:	_____

(If more space is needed, continue onto a separate sheet of paper.)

*Community involvement refers to volunteer activities that allow you to give back to the community. Volunteer activities involve no compensation.

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How did you hear about our scholarship program? (circle one)

Our website *Social Media* *Word of Mouth* *School* *Email* *360FCU Employee*

ESSAY SECTION:

Please choose one of the following essay topics.

- *Define what success means to you.*
- *Evaluate a specific experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.*
- *Indicate a person that has had significant influence on you and describe that influence.*

Essays must be double-spaced and a minimum of 360 words and maximum of 500.

CERTIFICATION SECTION:

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application and attached materials become the property of 360 Federal Credit Union.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (If over 18, parent signature not required)

Date