



PURPOSE

The purpose of the School District 3 Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program is to live out our philosophy of People Helping People by supporting members in their pursuit of higher education. These scholarships are awarded as a one-time monetary gift to help offset the cost of tuition, books, and program-related fees, whether that be at a college, university, or trade school. By investing in our members' futures, we strengthen our community as a whole.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- \$500 Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a member of School District 3 FCU with an account in your name.
- Must be a graduating high school senior and plan to attend an accredited college, university or technical school in the United States as a full-time student.
- Must provide verification of acceptance to school before scholarship funds are disbursed.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- All required portions of the application must be completed and returned by March 13th. 2026.
- A supporting essay must accompany each scholarship application.
- 2 letters of recommendation must accompany each scholarship application.
- A current transcript with GPA must accompany each scholarship application.
- A Resume
- A digital photo of you

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

- Essay must be no less than one page and no longer than two pages in length on the given topic.
- Essay must be typed using Times New Roman 12-point font, double-spaced, and have margins of 1" on top, bottom, left and right
- Applicant's full name must appear at the top of each page of the essay.

ESSAY TOPIC

"Credit unions exist to put people before profit, helping members build financial security and opportunity. In the spirit of People Helping People, describe how financial education, support, or access to resources has made a difference in your life or your community. How will this scholarship help you create positive change for others?"

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD REQUIREMENTS

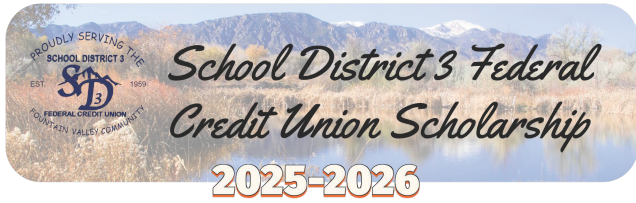
As a condition of receiving this scholarship, recipients are required to attend the School District 3 Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting which will be held **May 2nd, 2025** at Widefield Parks and Rec Center from 1-3 pm, where the awards will be presented. If the recipient is unable to attend, a parent or guardian must be present on their behalf unless prior arrangements have been discussed and approved with Karissa Burke.

DEADLINE

There are three acceptable ways to submit your scholarship application: in person, by mail, or by email.

- Mail: Scholarship applications and all supporting documentation must be postmarked no later than March 13, 2026 and mailed to:
School District 3 Federal Credit Union
Attention: Karissa Burke
1180 Crawford Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80911
- Email: Applications may be submitted by email to karissab@sd3fcu.org no later than Friday, March 13, 2026. Please combine all required documents into one single PDF file before submitting.
- In Person: Completed applications may also be dropped off at the credit union by End of Business (5:30pm) on Friday, March 13, 2026.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by the SD3FCU Scholarship Committee no later than April 3, 2026.
- For any questions regarding the SD3FCU Scholarship Program, please contact Karissa Burke at karissab@sd3fcu.org

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2025-2026 Application

Please list any academic or athletic honors or awards you have received.

Please list any employment or internship experience.

Please list any community or volunteer service you have participated in.

College/University/Tech School you plan to attend or attending _____

Have you been accepted or already attending? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Already Attending College

Planned field of study _____

By signing below, I certify that all information on this scholarship application and in my supporting essay is original, true and complete. If I am a scholarship winner, I agree to provide a photograph for publicity purposes. I understand that the School District 3 FCU reserve the right to use winners' names, photographs, and essays in promotional material.

Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

(If Student is a minor)