



Faribault ▪ Northfield ▪ Owatonna

Scholarship Application

Section I

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Credit Union Member #: _____

Email: _____

High School(s) Attended: _____

Anticipated High School Graduation Date: _____

GPA for most recent semester completed: _____

☐ Un-Weighted* ☐ Weighted**

College/University you will be attending in Fall 2026: _____

Anticipated field of study: _____

* An un-weighted GPA is based on the traditional 4.0 scale.

** A weighted GPA is one, which gives extra points for honors or advanced placement in classes.

Section II

In a separate attachment titled "Accomplishment List" please provide a listing of your honors, awards, recognitions and achievements, extracurricular activities, volunteer, and employment experiences.

Section III

Please create a 1-to-3-minute video exploring advantages and disadvantages of Buy Now Pay Later loans (example companies: Klarna, Afterpay, Affirm, Sezzle, Splitit, etc.)

The video content could include, but is not limited to an animation, song, skit, story, or educational facts. Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

- entertainment value
- accuracy of information
- production quality of the video
- creativity

Upload the video to YouTube and include the link here:

Sworn Statement

I swear that the attached entry is my original work, and all other personal information is true and correct. I acknowledge that misrepresentation of application information is sufficient grounds for denial of scholarship. Once applications are received, they are considered property of the Credit Union. All application materials will be destroyed following the selection of the winner. In respect of our applicants' privacy, all applications, forms, and details will only be shared with the Scholarship Committee. I agree to cooperate with HomeTown Credit Union in promotional activities related to the scholarship competition, and should I be selected as a recipient, give them permission to use my name, photograph, and video in promotional activities. I also understand I am responsible for any taxes that may be associated with this scholarship.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

**I agree and understand that by typing my name into the signature line it is equal to signing my name.*

Include a completed application, accomplishment list, two letters of recommendation and official high school transcripts and e-mail them to the following address:
Scholarship@HomeTownCU.coop

Electronic applications only, no paper applications will be considered. All applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2026.

Scholarship Package Checklist

- _____ A completed application
- _____ Official copy of your most recent high school transcripts
- _____ Two letters of recommendation
- _____ Accomplishment list

Eligibility

- A. Applicant must have been a member in good standing of HomeTown Federal Credit Union for at least three months prior to the application date.
- B. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior pursuing post high school education during the 2026/2027 school year.
- C. Applicant must be planning to attend a private or public college, university, community college or technical college accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Awards will be disbursed within 90 days of the application deadline and checks will be made payable to the college or university.
- D. Winners will be notified by phone.

Awards

Up to four scholarships may be awarded: two scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 and two scholarships in the amount of \$500.00.

Application Requirements

- 1. Applicants must submit:
 - Original signed application (including the student's Credit Union member number) and the link to the YouTube video.
 - Accomplishment list including honors, awards, recognitions and achievements, extra-curricular activities, volunteer, and employment experiences.
 - Official high school transcripts with GPA from the most recent semester.
 - Letters of recommendation from two people within the community (cannot be related to applicant)

2. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2026.

Entries must be e-mailed to: Scholarship@HomeTownCU.coop

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered and will be disqualified. Electronic applications only, no paper applications will be considered.

3. Employees and volunteers of HomeTown Credit Union and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.

Judging

Judging will be done by a committee of impartial judges selected by Credit Union management. All decisions are final.

Award Procedures

- Winners will be informed by phone within 30 days of application deadline – May 8, 2026.
- Scholarship funds will be presented to the winners. Funds may be issued jointly to the winner and the school they will be attending. If a school has not been decided on, HomeTown Credit Union may hold the funds until notified of the school selected.

Authority of HomeTown Credit Union

HomeTown Credit Union has the right to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness in the award of the scholarship. Any questions regarding the scholarship program should be submitted in writing to HomeTown Credit Union's Scholarship Administrator via email: Scholarship@HomeTownCU.coop