



2026 Scholarship Application

This spring, RiverFall Credit Union (RCU) will award up to three \$2,500 college tuition scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be graduating high school seniors. Either the student or a member of the student's immediate family must be an RCU member in good standing. *Immediate family is defined as the mother, father, legal guardian, brother, sister, or grandparent of the student. A member in good standing is defined as one with a minimum account balance of \$5.00 and no loan delinquencies.*
- No minimum GPA, ACT, or SAT score is required; however, scholarships will be awarded based on academic performance as well as leadership, community service and volunteerism, and financial need.

Award Disbursements:

- Recipients should expect to be notified in mid-April 2026, and scholarships will be presented during their respective high schools' senior awards days.
- Scholarship awards may be used for tuition, books, and/or fees only, and will be disbursed as a one-time payment directly to the accredited academic institution in which the recipient is enrolled for the 2026-2027 academic year. *(Contingent on enrollment verification; deferrals are not permitted.)*

Application Instructions:

- All parts of the application must be completed and submitted together, including the application form, typed essay, and transcript. Incomplete or unsigned applications will be deemed ineligible.
- For any questions regarding RCU scholarship applications, please contact our Marketing Department at 205.759.1505, or via email at: marketing@riverfallcu.com.

Application Submission:

- Completed applications are due no later than **Friday, March 13, 2026**, and must be received in our Downtown Office location at 2520 Gary Fitts Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 (in person or by mail), OR submitted electronically in PDF file format via email to: marketing@riverfallcu.com.
- Mailed applications should be addressed to the attention of Marketing and must be postmarked by the deadline date.
- Please note that applications submitted after the deadline, whether mailed or submitted electronically, will not be considered.

Personal Information:

Full Legal Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

 Full Legal Name(s) of RCU Member(s):

Relationship(s) of RCU Member(s):

(Check all that apply if more than one name is listed)
 Self Mother Father Legal Guardian Brother Sister Grandparent

Applicant's Current Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

 Number of persons living in home: _____ Number in college in 2026-2027: _____
(including applicant)

Total Gross Household Income (before taxes):

 Below \$15,000 \$15,000-\$29,999 \$30,000-\$49,999 \$50,000-\$74,999 \$75,000-\$99,999
 \$100,000 or above

 Please list the names and amounts of any scholarships, grants, financial aid awards, or tuition waivers you have received:

Education:

High School Name: _____ Graduation Date: _____

College (planning to attend): _____

City: _____ State: _____

 Do you plan to enroll full-time in a degree or certificate program?: Yes No

Planned field of study/area(s) of concentration: _____

High School Activities, Extracurriculars, & Athletics:

Please list any high school activities, extracurriculars, leadership positions, and/or athletics you are/have been involved in and grade(s) of participation. Include any awards, honors, and recognitions received. (You may attach an additional page if more space is needed.)

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Community Service & Volunteerism:

Please list any community service and volunteerism* you are/have been involved in and grade(s) of participation. Include any awards, honors, and recognitions received. (You may attach an additional page if more space is needed.)

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Paid Work Experience:

Please list any paid work experience (*if applicable*) and grade(s) of employment. Include any awards, honors, and recognitions received. (*You may attach an additional page if more space is needed.*)

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ESSAY: PLEASE ATTACH TO THE BACK OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION

Choose one of the following essay prompts:

- (1) How has credit union membership impacted you or your family? Describe a specific experience in which you or your family's membership helped make a financial decision, set a goal, or solve a problem. Explain what you learned from this experience and how it has influenced your perspective and/or future goals.

- (2) The credit union philosophy is based on cooperative principles such as service, responsibility, and community involvement. Describe how you exemplify these principles in your life through your actions and experiences, and explain how you plan to use your education to make a positive impact in your community.

Essays must be typed. No handwritten essays will be accepted.

TRANSCRIPT:

Please attach a copy of your high school transcript to the back of your completed application. Your transcript should show your courses, grades, and cumulative GPA.

Academic Profile:

(To be completed by high school guidance counselor or principal.)

Applicant's Name: _____

Cumulative Unweighted Grade Point Average (*from 9th grade to current semester*): _____

Cumulative Weighted Grade Point Average (*from 9th grade to current semester*): _____

ACT Score: _____ SAT Score: _____

Name of School Official Completing Form: _____

Title: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Scholarship Applicant Certification & Release Authorization:

I hereby certify that all information I have provided in this application is true and accurate. I understand RiverFall Credit Union (RCU) reserves the right to verify any information provided and that a review of my financial relationship with RCU will be conducted as part of the selection process. If selected as a recipient, I further understand that any misstatement or omission of fact on this application may result in termination of my award.

- I am, or my immediate family member is, an RCU member in good standing.
- I will be enrolled in an accredited university or college for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- I understand that if selected as a scholarship recipient, RCU will use my name and photograph, and may also use my essay or information about my community service activities in media, marketing materials, and other public relations or publicity efforts.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If under eighteen years of age, signature of parent or legal guardian of applicant is also required as consent for release authorization on behalf of the applicant.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(If applicant is under 18 years old)

Scholarship Application Checklist:

Please ensure all items below are included so that your scholarship application will be considered complete:

- All parts of the application form completed and submitted by March 13, 2026 deadline.**
- Scholarship Applicant Certification & Release Authorization signed.**
- Academic Profile section completed by your high school guidance counselor or principal.**
- Essay attached.**
- High school transcript attached.**