

**BULLDOG FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

2026

PURPOSE

To assist ambitious young students of high scholastic achievement and character to continue their formal education beyond the secondary school level.

AMOUNT

We will award two (2) \$1000.00 scholarship gifts.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Applicant must be a member of BFCU in their own right.
2. Applicant must be a graduating senior accepted to an accredited college, university or technical school.
3. Applicant must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 at the time of application.
4. Applicant must not be related to any BFCU employee, board member or committee member. This includes son, daughter, brother, sister, granddaughter, grandson, niece or nephew.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Grades - 40%

Consideration will be given to the degree of difficulty of the courses taken and their relationship to the grade point average, as well as whether the subjects will help to prepare the applicant for their chosen course of study.

Need - 30%

1. How much money does the student need?
2. Is there one salary in the family or more?
3. Did the student work and try to help?
4. How many children under 18 are in the family?

School Activities - 15%

Community Activities - 15%

APPLICATION

Applications must be submitted to the BFCU Scholarship Committee **by 5:00 p.m. April 24, 2026**. The application must include an autobiography and a valid (most recent) transcript. All areas of the application must be completed for the applicant to be considered for the scholarship.

LIMITATIONS

The recipient of the scholarship may receive it only once. The award will be made based on the decision of the Committee, whose decision is final.

PROCEDURES

Application materials must be submitted **by 5:00 p.m. April 24, 2026**. Recipients will be announced by May 4, 2026. BFCU will issue a check made payable to the institution and the recipient for the scholarship amount.

Submit the application package to:

Stacy Wright, Chairman
Scholarship Selection Committee
Bulldog Federal Credit Union
580 Northern Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742

BULLDOG FEDERAL CREDIT UNION EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Account No. _____
 (last) *(first)* *(middle)*
 SSN _____

Address _____

SSN _____

Phone No. _____

Phone No. _____

Date of Birth _____

Graduation Date_____

High School _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Class Rank _____ of _____

Have you applied for other scholarships ☐ Yes ☐ No

SAT Results: Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____ Total: _____

Name and address of accredited college or technical school you will be attending

Course of study you plan to take _____

Career you wish to enter after graduation _____

Scholarships or financial aid applied for and/or received (include amounts)

Mother's name _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Father's name _____

(last) (first) (middle)

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Number and age of dependent children in the family _____

Number who will be enrolled full-time in higher education in the coming school year? _____

- **Attach autobiography. Include long-term goals and career plans.** *(double-spaced, max. 2 pages)*
- **Attach valid (most recent) transcript.**

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information given in this application is true and accurate. I have read the scholarship requirements and agree with them.

Signature

Date _____

Extracurricular Activities

Grade 9

In school _____

Out of school _____

Grade 10

In school _____

Out of school _____

Grade 11

In school _____

Out of school _____

Grade 12

In school _____

Out of school _____

Honors, special talents or interesting hobbies

What else should we know about you?

Confidential Financial Information

In order to award the scholarship equitably, we must determine the applicant's need for financial aid. Indicate if you are legally independent from your parents. If married, include your spouse's earnings. Respond to all questions. If it is not applicable to you, mark it as such. Present further details on a separate sheet if necessary.

Sources of Income

	Name	Occupation	W2 Income
Self			
Father			
Mother			
Guardian			

Total family income last year (include wages, social security, disability, child support, pension, etc.) as reported on W2: _____

Number of persons dependent on the above income(s). Include parents, dependent children, aged relatives, or other as reported on federal income tax return. _____

Extenuating circumstances that further show your need for financial assistance

Counselor's Report

*Information will be treated as confidential. Please return completed sheet to applicant.
Thank you for your assistance.*

Student Name _____

How long has the applicant been a student in your school? _____

How long have you known this student, and in what context: _____

On what do you base your evaluation of the applicant? (*check all that apply*)

☐ Personal acquaintance

☐ Casual acquaintance

☐ School records

☐ Reports of instructors

☐ Personal observations

The applicant has maintained ☐ adequate ☐ above average interest in his/her studies.

No. of students in graduating class _____ Student's rank _____ GPA _____

Leadership rolls the applicant has displayed in your school and/or community:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please rate the applicant

No basis		Below Ave.	Average	Above Ave.	Well Above Ave.	Excellent (top 10%)	One of the few encountered in my career
	Academic achievement						
	Personality						
	Leadership						
	Character						
	Community Service						

Include any info. you feel would be helpful in considering applicant's financial need, personal circumstances, etc.

Counselor's signature _____ Date _____

High School _____ Phone _____

**Please attach a transcript of grades, attendance, and the results
of any college entrance exams.**

Teacher Evaluation Form

To the applicant:

Fill in your name and address below and give this form to a teacher who has taught you at least one academic subject. Attach the completed form to your application.

Student's name _____

Address _____

To the teacher:

We are interested in what you think is important about the applicant's academic and personal qualifications for college or post-secondary training. Criteria for selection include academic achievement, leadership, character, and community service. Thank you for your evaluation.

Teacher's name _____

Teacher's position _____

High School and phone number _____

Background Information

How long have you known this student and in what context?

How would you describe this student?

List the courses you have taught this student, noting for each the student's year in school and the level of course difficulty (AP, honors, academic/advanced, etc.)

Please rate the applicant compared to other students in his/her class:

No basis		Below Ave.	Average	Above Ave.	Well Above Ave.	Excellent (top 10%)	One of the few encountered in my career
	Creative, original thought						
	Motivation						
	Self confidence						
	Independence						
	Initiative						
	Intellectual ability						
	Written expression of ideas						
	Academic achievement						
	Effective class discussion						
	Disciplined work habits						
	Potential for growth						