



SCHOLARSHIP-CURRENTLY IN COLLEGE 2026

Description: Six scholarships will be awarded to provide financial assistance to **2026/2027 students currently in college, who have not previously received an FFCU scholarship.** Parents/guardians or the student must be members of First Financial Credit Union.

Additional scholarships are awarded to continue providing financial assistance to **past First Financial scholarship recipients** who have maintained a 2.0 GPA and are current members or whose parents/guardians are members of First Financial Credit Union. Past recipients that remain full-time students are eligible for a total of five (5) consecutive years while earning an Associate, Bachelor, or Master degree.

All scholarships are to be used to attend a **New Mexico institution** of higher learning.

Basis of Awards: The scholarships will be awarded based on the financial need of the student applying.

Value of Awards: Each scholarship is for \$1,500.00 to be awarded at \$750.00 per semester for two (2) semesters.

Eligibility: Parent/guardian or student must be a member of First Financial Credit Union. Immediate family members of volunteers and staff are not eligible.

Student must currently be in college, attending a two (2) or four (4) year accredited New Mexico College or University.

Student must be enrolled as a full-time student with a minimum of 12 hours.

Student must have at least a 2.0 average.

Application

Procedures: The following items must be returned with the application and will be held in strict confidentiality. **Applications may not be considered if any of the items below are missing or are incomplete.** If you have any questions regarding application process, contact Julie Zerbe at (505) 462-1117 or (800) 342-8298 ext. 1117.

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CHECK EACH ITEM AS COMPLETED:

- ☐ Completed application form.
- ☐ A personal letter from the applicant indicating why assistance is needed.
- ☐ Three (3) letters of reference. All should be from a non-relative and from an instructor, counselor, principal or employer.
- ☐ Transcript from current institution of higher learning, including latest semester.
- ☐ Divorced individuals or parents must provide a copy of divorce decree and/or child support information.
- ☐ List any other financial assistance that the student has applied for or is receiving (FAFSA, Pell grants, student loans, other scholarships, etc.).
- ☐ List any unusual financial circumstances, i.e., medical bills, unusually large debt, childcare, etc., and include copy of bills or proof of unusual needs.
- ☐ **A COPY OF PARENT'S AND SELF (if applicable) W2s FOR THE YEAR 2025 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.**
- ☐ **A COPY OF PARENT'S AND SELF (if applicable) ENTIRE TAX FORM FOR THE YEAR 2025 AS SUBMITTED TO THE IRS, INCLUDING ALL SCHEDULES AND OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION NOTED ABOVE, MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026.**

Income Verification Requirements:

Student **must** provide copies of parent(s) and individual income tax returns (1040). **These must be signed copies of what was sent to the IRS. Student must also provide supporting documents for any income reported on tax forms.** Please provide any of the following that apply to you. If you have income that is not listed below, please provide supporting documentation for that income also.

- W2s to verify wages.
- 1099-SSA to verify social security benefits.
- 1099-INT to verify interest income.
- 1099-R to verify retirement pensions and annuities.
- 1099-DIV to verify dividend income.
- 1099-G to verify unemployment compensation.
- 1099-MISC to verify miscellaneous income, if any.
- **Schedule B**
- **Schedule C or C-EZ** to verify business income or loss.
- **Schedule D** to verify capital gain or loss.
- **Schedule E** to verify rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc.
- **Form 4797** to verify other gains or losses.

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Application Deadline: Postmarked no later than **FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026.**

Mailing Address: Scholarship Committee/Julie Zerbe
First Financial Credit Union
PO Box 25587
Albuquerque, NM 87125-0587



Release of Information:

I hereby give permission to the First Financial Scholarship Committee to access and review my (or my child's) pertinent school records.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

**2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
FOR CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS**

(MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026)

NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY, STATE, ZIP:		
DOB:	SS#:	CELL PH#: HOME PH#: WORK PH#:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S):	PARENT/GUARDIAN CU ACCT #	STUDENT CU ACCOUNT #
COLLEGE NOW ATTENDING:		
DO YOU PLAN TO CONTINUE AT THIS COLLEGE FOR 2026-2027?	_____ YES	_____ NO, I WILL ATTEND:
IN WHAT FIELD IS YOUR MAJOR?		

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