



Dear Student:

Mutual Credit Union is proud to offer six members the opportunity to receive scholarships to further their education. Scholarships in the amount of \$3000, \$2000, (2) \$1500, and (2) \$1000 will be awarded based on merit and the submitted essays. The scholarships in the amount of \$3000 and \$2000 will be awarded to the best overall applications; one (1) each of the \$1500 and \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to applicants with a 3.5 GPA or higher and between 2.5 and 3.49 GPA. If selected as an award recipient, we require a copy of the letter of acceptance from your school of choice in order to distribute scholarship funds.

To qualify for a Mutual Credit Union Scholarship, you must:

- Be a primary member of Mutual Credit Union (not a joint owner) in good standing.
- Be a graduating high school senior enrolling at an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school during the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Have a minimum (2.5) cumulative grade point average for high school and any college courses completed.
- Not be an employee of Mutual Credit Union, board member, or other volunteer committee or their immediate family member (sister, brother, son or daughter).
- Submit a completed application packet no later than Close of Business on March 31, 2021.

A complete application packet must include:

- Completed Mutual Credit Union scholarship application
- Copy of your transcripts/grades with signature or seal of a school official to verify the authenticity
- Essay

Please read the enclosed Rules and Guidelines for complete details concerning the Mutual Credit Union Scholarship Program. For questions, please feel free to call me at (601) 636-7523 ext. 1226.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Mandarino".

Susan Mandarino
VP, Marketing



2021-2022 Scholarship Application

To recognize its members who have shown academic achievement and who are interested in advancing their education, Mutual Credit Union will award six (6) scholarships in the amount of \$3000, \$2000, (2) \$1500, and (2) \$1000 to students who best meet the requirements. The scholarships in the amount of \$3000 and \$2000 will be awarded to the best overall applications; one (1) each of the \$1500 and \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to applicants with a 3.5 GPA or higher and between 2.5 and 3.49 GPA.

Complete all portions of this application (*please print or type*).

Date: _____

Name: _____ Student's Acct # _____
Last First Middle (Student must be the primary member of an account.)

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____@_____

High School: _____

High School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

High School Telephone (____) _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

High School Graduation Date (*Mo. /Yr.*) _____

College you plan to attend: _____

Planned major: _____

Please list honors and awards:

Please list your academic and extracurricular activities:

(Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

Essays: On a separate sheet of paper, please complete an essay on the following topic and attach it to your application. Please keep all written essays to a maximum of 1000 words, clearly printed or typed. Non-traditional essays in the form of poetry, infographic, art (digital or traditional mediums), photo-essay*, or music may be submitted as a substitution for the traditional written essay. If submitting a non-traditional essay, please include a brief explanation (350 words or less) of your artistic interpretation of the question along with your submission. We are unable to accept video submissions. * Photo essays should not contain identifying images of people, including the author.

- Credit Unions have a philosophy of community enrichment. How will your college experience make you a better member of your community?

Be creative — there is no set template for a winning essay! **Do NOT include any identifying information on the essay so that essays may be judged anonymously.**

I certify that I understand the eligibility requirements and that the information submitted is correct to the best of my knowledge.

The winner of a Mutual Credit Union Scholarship agrees that upon acceptance of the scholarship, permission is granted to Mutual Credit Union to use the winner’s name and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion, and publicity without additional compensation. All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winner. The winning essay (in any form) may be published in the Mutual Credit Union Newsletters and on the Mutual Credit Union website and social media sites. If selected as an award recipient, the winner agrees that a copy of an admission acceptance letter will be provided before the distribution of funds is completed.

Signature of Recipient

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(If applicant is a minor)

Date

Deadline: Applications must be received at Mutual Credit Union no later than Close of Business on March 31, 2021.

A completed application package may be submitted electronically, by mail, or delivered to any of our branches.

Mail To:

Mutual Credit Union
ATTN: Susan Mandarino
PO Box 25
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0025

e-Mail:

smandarino@mutualcu.org



Mutual Credit Union Scholarship 2021-2022 Academic Year Official Rules/Guidelines

Eligibility Requirements

- No entry fee required.
- You must be a graduating high school senior enrolling at an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school during the 2020-2021 academic year.
- You must have a minimum (2.5) cumulative grade point average.
- You must be a Mutual Credit Union member in good standing. (Student must be the primary member on the account.)
- Employees of Mutual Credit Union, board members, or other volunteer committees and their immediate families (sister, brother, son, or daughter) are not eligible.
- This is not a lottery. This scholarship contest is void where prohibited or restricted by any law or ordinance.
- Applications must be received at Mutual Credit Union no later than 5:00 p.m., March 31, 2021, and all information is subject to verification.

Application Package

You may obtain an application package at any Mutual Credit Union branch, from the Mutual Credit Union website, or call (601) 636-7523 ext. 1226 to request one be mailed to you. A completed application package must include:

1. Completed Mutual Credit Union Scholarship Application
2. Copy of your transcripts/grades with signature or seal of a school official to verify the authenticity
3. Essay (Do NOT include any identifying information on the essay so that essays may be judged anonymously)

Mail your completed application package to:

Mutual Credit Union
ATTN: Susan Mandarino
PO Box 25
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0025

Evaluation Process

The scholarship is awarded based on the complete application package. All decisions will be final.

Essay Topic

Credit Unions have a philosophy of community enrichment. How will your college experience make you a better member of your community?

Essay Criteria

Judges evaluating the essays will use the following criteria:

1.
Does the essay present a clear focus of the topic?
2.
Does the essay display originality?
3.
Does the essay possess clear writing skills, including spelling and grammar?

Submission Requirements

- Essays must be less than 1,000 words in length, written in English, printed clearly or typed using 12-point font, double spaced. Non-traditional essays in the form of poetry, infographic, art (digital or traditional mediums), photo-essay, or music may be submitted as a substitution for the traditional written essay. If submitting a non-traditional essay, please include a brief explanation (350 words or less) of your artistic interpretation to one of the questions along with your submission. We are unable to accept video submissions. **Do NOT include any identifying information on the essay so that essays may be judged anonymously.**
- Only one essay may be submitted per person.
- Submissions must be original work and may not be based, in whole or in part, on any previously published or any third party copyrighted material.
- Any essay, not within these guidelines, will render the applicant ineligible for the scholarship.
- The completed application package must be received at Mutual Credit Union no later than 5:00 p.m., March 31, 2021.

Scholarship Award

- Six (6) scholarships in the amount of \$3000, \$2000, (2) \$1500, and (2) \$1000 to students who best meet the requirements.
- The winners will be notified in May. Acceptance of a scholarship shall constitute permission for Mutual Credit Union to use the winners' names and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion, and publicity without additional compensation. All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winners.
- The winning essays may be published in the Mutual Credit Union Newsletter and on the Mutual Credit Union website and social media sites.
- The winner will provide a copy of the acceptance letter before funds can be disbursed.

All entries shall become the property of Mutual Credit Union and cannot be returned. Mutual Credit Union will not be responsible for entries that are lost, damaged, illegible, incomplete, misdirected, or arrive with postage due.