

Lafayette Chapter of Credit Unions

2026 Scholarship Application



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The Lafayette Chapter of Credit Unions is pleased to announce that it will offer three \$1000 scholarships in 2026. Entries are accepted from eligible credit union members. This scholarship is awarded through a random drawing among eligible applicants.

Eligibility

To be considered for the chapter scholarship, you must:

- Be a member of one of the participating credit unions.
- Be graduating from high school in the spring of 2026, or currently enrolled in undergraduate studies at an accredited college, university, or technical school or with plans to attend an accredited college, university, or technical school full-time in the fall of 2026.
- Have maintained a 3.0 GPA based on 6 high school semesters or 1 most recent, completed college semester.
- Have scored a 21 or higher on the ACT exam.
- Complete an application and personal essay.

Immediate family members of current employees and Board of Directors of any of the participating credit unions **ARE NOT** eligible for the scholarship.

Application Package

All applicants must submit a package, which includes:

- A completed application.
- A current high school transcript or college transcript.
- A copy of your official ACT or SAT results.
- Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a teacher from your junior or senior year (only applies to high school seniors), or your current college professor or advisor.
- A personal essay.

Application Deadline

Completed application packets must be received no later than Monday March 31st, 2026. Incomplete or late application packages will not be considered. Mail or hand-deliver applications to:

Mail

Meritus Credit Union
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
515 Guilbeau Road
Lafayette, LA 70506

Hand Deliver

Acadia Branch 331 Odd Fellows Road Crowley, LA 70526	Carencro Branch 724 Veterans Drive Carencro, LA 70520	Iberia Branch 1101 Parkview Drive New Iberia, LA 70563	Lafayette Branch 515 Guilbeau Road Lafayette, LA 70506
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Selection

Only one application will be accepted from each participating member, regardless of membership at multiple participating credit unions. Each participating credit union will review the applications they receive and forward all qualified applications to the Scholarship Committee of the Lafayette Chapter of the Louisiana Credit Union League. Selection of the scholarship recipients will be made through a random drawing to be held at the April 2026 Lafayette Chapter of Credit Unions meeting.

Award

The Scholarship Committee will award three \$1,000 scholarships. The recipients can use the scholarship for any school related expenses. The recipients will receive the award payment in full in the form of a check. The check will be made payable directly to the recipients when proof of registration for the fall 2026 semester has been provided to the Scholarship Committee.

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Please complete the following application in its entirety. Include attachments as needed.

I. Personal Data

Name _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Telephone # _____

E-Mail _____

Applicant Credit Union Name and Account Number (**student must have their own account**)

Names of Parent(s) or Legal Guardians(s):

Mother: Name _____ Occupation _____

Father: Name _____ Occupation _____

Name of School (only applies to high school seniors)

College/University/Vo-Tech School you plan to or currently attend _____

Anticipated or current field of study _____

II Essay Requirement

Please attach an essay on the following topics: Why do you believe you are deserving of this scholarship? What are your goals for the future? How do you plan to achieve those goals? The essay must be typed in MLA format, 750 words minimum.

III References

Attach letters of recommendation from two persons, one of which must be from a teacher from your junior or senior year (only applies to high school seniors), or current college professor or advisor.

1) Name _____ Position _____
First _____ Last _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

2) Name _____ Position _____
First _____ Last _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

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IV Community Involvement and Extracurricular Activities

Please list school activities, including academic and athletic club memberships, and community service including social, church and volunteer experience. (You may attach an additional sheet(s) if you need more space.)

Organization/Club Name	Type of work/activity

V Honors and Academic Awards

- A. Honor Society _____
- B. National Achievements _____
- C. Scholarship Awards _____
- D. Other (describe) _____

I certify that the information in this application and all accompanying documents are true and correct. I also certify that I personally answered all questions and wrote the essay relating to this scholarship application. I understand that if for any reason I discontinue my studies I must notify the Lafayette Chapter of the Louisiana Credit Union League within 10 days. I agree that the Chapter may use my name and possibly photograph (furnished by recipient) for publicity purpose.

Signature _____ Date _____

The completed application, including the essay and letters of recommendation must be received at the address below no later than Tuesday, March 31st, 2026.

Please direct questions regarding the Lafayette Chapter of Credit Unions scholarship to Nicole Patin, Administrative Assistant at (337) 989-2800 ext 340.