



# 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline: May 31, 2026



***Heritage  
Valley***

FEDERAL  
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UNION

## Scholarship Application Information

The *Heritage Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program* has been established by the Credit Union's Board of Directors to recognize and assist those students who desire to further their education after high school.

Two (2) scholarships each in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) will be awarded and disbursed among our membership at large.

## Scholarship requirements

The applicant must be a 2026 graduating high school senior, and must be accepted to be enrolled in an accredited school of higher education, such as a college, university, business or technical school as a full-time student in the summer or fall of 2026.

The applicant must be a current member of Heritage Valley Federal Credit Union with an account being opened no later than December 31, 2025.

## Application Process

1. Print & complete the Heritage Valley Federal Credit Union scholarship application
2. Sign the scholarship application (along with a parent or legal guardian)
3. Sign the certification and release form (along with a parent or legal guardian)
4. Submit an official high school transcript
5. Submit a copy of your acceptance letter from the school you will attend
6. Submit a typed essay (500 word maximum)

## Selection Process

Judging will be done by an internal scholarship committee and will be based on both subjective and objective criteria. Applicants will be judged based upon their academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities and the quality of their written essay. All selections are final.

## Application Deadline

All completed applications and documents must be received on or before **May 31, 2026**, to be considered. Any late or incomplete applications will not be considered by the scholarship committee.

Scholarship applications and required documents should be sent to [kkoicuba@heritagevalleyfcu.org](mailto:kkoicuba@heritagevalleyfcu.org) or mail to:

Heritage Valley FCU  
Attn: Karla Koicuba  
PO Box 3617  
York, PA 17402

## Scholarship Applicant Information Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Post-secondary school you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Major or Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Honors and Awards** *(Examples: National Honor Society, Principal Awards, Student/Athletic Awards, etc.)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Extracurricular Activities and Community Service** *(For 10 hours or more per week. Examples: Sports teams, church groups, volunteerism, part-time jobs, youth mentoring, clubs, band/choir groups, etc.)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Leadership Positions Held** *(Elected or Appointed, should NOT be the same as those listed above. Examples: Student Government officer, Youth Group officer, Scouting team leader, Club officer, etc.)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay Information

On a separate sheet of paper, please include a typed essay (maximum 500 words) that responds to the following question:

Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that exist to serve their members, not generate profit. "People helping people" is the philosophical foundation of credit unions.

**What future financial goals do you have and how can your credit union help you make wise financial choices to reach your goals?**

*\*Please note: Your application will not be considered complete if your essay is not typed.*

## Acknowledgment

By signing below, I understand that all information provided in this application is true and will be kept in complete confidence. I understand that an official copy of my high school and post-secondary education transcript will be released and used in the scholarship selection process. I further give the scholarship committee consent to verify or confirm this information which I have listed above.

If selected to receive a scholarship, and should I choose not to attend an accredited school of higher education or withdraw during the grading period during the summer or fall term in 2026, the scholarship will be revoked. Additionally, if I choose to close my account at Heritage Valley Federal Credit Union before disbursement, the scholarship will be void.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Certification and Release Authorization Form

The following must be completed for the applicant to be considered for scholarship awards.

I certify this information is true, complete, and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application.

I also authorize Heritage Valley Federal Credit Union to publish photographs taken of me, and my name and likeness for use in the Heritage Valley Federal Credit Union's print, online, and/or video-based marketing materials, or any other Credit Union publications if I am selected as a scholarship recipient. And I release and hold harmless Heritage Valley Federal Credit Union from any reasonable expectation of privacy of confidentiality associated with the image(s) specified.

I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photos confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever.

I hereby release Heritage Valley Federal Credit Union, its directors, its employees, and any third parties involved in the creation of publication of marketing materials, from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation.

## AUTHORIZATION

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_