The Summit Federal Credit Union's 2027 Scholarship Program

At The Summit Federal Credit Union, strengthening our community is a large and important part of what we do. By investing in the future of our youth, we help make our communities better places to live and work. Through The Summit's Scholarship Program, we are happy to contribute to the college education of those students who share our active commitment to the community and who have distinguished themselves academically.

The Summit Federal Credit Union will award scholarships to outstanding high school seniors who are Summit members.

Eligibility

Each applicant must have an account at The Summit Federal Credit Union (in the applicant's name) and be a member in good standing. All applicants must be a high school senior for the 2026/2027 school year, with plans to attend an accredited college or university for the 2027/2028 school year. Students must have an overall B average or above.

Selection Process

The winners will be selected by a panel of judges responsible for evaluating and ranking applications received based on three separate criteria – community involvement (includes sports, volunteer work and activities outside of the standard school curriculum), essay response and academic performance. Applicants should have documented contributions within their community – an important characteristic that defines all credit unions, our cooperative structure and our roots as volunteer-driven organizations.

Application Process

Please complete the scholarship application in full. Include your one-page essay and a copy of your Activities/Extracurricular/Community Service Resume, preferably in a PDF or Word document.

Please note: Submission of an official copy of your high school transcript is required. Submission of an official copy of your SAT/ACT score is optional. Transcripts must be mailed or emailed directly from the school. It is the student's responsibility to ensure their high school transcripts have been submitted.

You may mail applications to:

The Summit Federal Credit Union
Attn: Dawn Kellogg, Scholarship Committee
100 Marina Drive
Rochester, NY 14626

You may email* applications to:

scholarship@summitfcu.org

*Sections 1, 2 and 3 to be provided by the student
*Section 4 must be provided by the school

Applications must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2027. Scholarship winners only will be notified on or before April 16, 2027, and will be invited to attend The Summit's Annual Meeting in May. Remember – only complete submissions will be considered.

Submission Checklist

Applicants must complete all information and provide requested documentation. Please type or print clearly using blue or black ink. *Before you submit your application, please confirm the following list:*

- ☐ Part 1. Applicant information - All information is completed.
- ☐ Part 2. Activities/Extracurricular/Community Service Resume is attached.
- ☐ Part 3. Essay meeting all the requirements is attached.
- ☐ Part 4. Provide guidance counselor with form to submit official high school transcript *(required)* and SAT/ACT scores *(optional)*. **This information must be provided by the school via mail or email.**

Part 1: Applicant Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Student's Email _____ **Parent/Guardian Email** _____

High School _____ **Graduation Date** _____

High School GPA _____ **SAT/ACT Scores** *(optional)* _____

Are you, or are you related to an employee, volunteer or vendor of The Summit? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If 'Yes' please provide their name _____

Name(s) of colleges or universities where you have applied: Please indicate if you have been accepted yet.

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Career and educational goals:

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Certification and Release Authorization

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. If I am awarded a scholarship, The Summit Federal Credit Union may use my name and/or photo for publicity purposes.

Student's Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

(Student & Parent must sign application to qualify)

Student's Summit FCU Account Number(s): _____

(Required)

Part 2: Extracurricular Activities and Community Service

Please include an Activities/Extracurricular/Community Service Resume with your application. Please list any activities you have participated in during your four years of high school including but not limited to clubs, sports, social, school based, religious or community organizations, volunteer work, paid employment positions, etc.

Part 3: Essay

Essay Question Requirements:

- Single sided 8 ½" x 11" paper
- Typed, double-spaced, 12 point font
- Include your full name in the bottom right hand corner of the essay response
- Organization, grammar, punctuation and creativity will be considered in the scoring for this section
- Essay must be included with application
- PDF or Word document is preferred

For your essay, please respond to the following:

If you could tell your 9th grade-self one thing, what would it be and why? Reflect on what you have learned since then and explain how your experiences have shaped your values, character or perspective. Be sure to include one of The Summit's core values: Care, Respect, High Standards, Integrity, Inspire or Giving Back, that guides you today and provide specific examples to support your response.

Part 4: Official High School Transcript *(required)* and SAT/ACT Scores *(optional)*

Please see the next page for details.

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Must be 18 years of age or older to open a checking account, or have an accompanying joint member on the account who is 18 years of age or older.

Thank you for your participation.

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Part 4: Official High School Transcript *(required)* and SAT/ACT Scores *(optional)*
Please detach and give to your guidance counselor.

Student's Name _____ **Date** _____

High School _____

Dear Counselor:

The above-named student is applying for a college scholarship from The Summit Federal Credit Union. Each applicant is required to submit an official copy of their high school transcript (signed, dated and sealed if mailed by the student) and has the option to submit an official copy of their SAT and/or ACT scores. If your school's transcript includes the applicant's SAT/ACT scores, this will be accepted as well. We appreciate your assistance in providing this information prior to the application deadline of March 1, 2027.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of your student.

Sincerely,
Scholarship Committee
The Summit Federal Credit Union

Please return all information to the scholarship applicant in a sealed envelope upon completion or send an email to **scholarship@summitfcu.org**.

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