The Summit Federal Credit Union's 2027 Skilled Trade 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 tuition and job-related expenses of those students pursuing an Associate's Degree, Certificate or Diploma at a trade school, technical institute, technical certification program or apprentice program.

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 get an Associate's Degree, Certificate or Diploma at a trade school, technical institute, technical certification program or apprentice program for the 2027/2028 school year. Students must have an overall C 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), and responses to the questions posed in this application. 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 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. 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. Provide guidance counselor with form to submit official high school transcript *(required)*. 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 _____

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

If 'Yes' please provide their name _____

Name of Trade School/Technical College/Certification Program you plan to attend:

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Have you been accepted yet? ☐ **Yes; please provide acceptance letter** ☐ **No**

Anticipated Start Date _____

Anticipated Graduation/Completion Date _____

Career and Education Goals

☐ **2-Year Degree** ☐ **4-Year Degree** ☐ **Trade Course**

Explain why you are interested in pursuing a trade:

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Part 1 *(continued)*: **Applicant Information**

If you have apprenticed, interned, participated in a work study or have experience working with a company or individual in your chosen trade, please list the experience and/or positions relevant to the trade you are pursuing:

Company Name _____

Address _____

Start Date _____ **End Date** _____

Title _____

Hours Per Week _____

Description of Duties _____

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Company Name _____

Address _____

Start Date _____ **End Date** _____

Title _____

Hours Per Week _____

Description of Duties _____

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How has your experience above influenced your decision in pursuing a career in your desired field?

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The Summit's Team Values are Care, Respect, High Standards, Integrity, Inspire and Giving Back. Please select one value that is important to you and explain how that value has impacted your decision to pursue a career in your chosen field and how you will demonstrate that quality as a processional.

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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: Official High School Transcript *(required)*

Please see the next page for details.

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)

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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)*
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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