



2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

\$15,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

COPFCU is proud to provide scholarships to members seeking to better their lives through continuing education. For the 2025-2026 school year, COPFCU will be awarding **five scholarships totaling \$15,500**. All scholarships are one-time awards with funds disbursed in August.

- Irvin Specht Memorial Scholarship - **\$4,000**
- Emily Argo Memorial Scholarship - **\$4,000**
- COPFCU Bright Futures Scholarship - **\$4,000**
- First Runner-Up Scholarship - **\$2,000**
- Second Runner-Up Scholarship - **\$1,500**

To qualify you must:

- Be a COPFCU member in good standing (primary membership under your name and social security number).
- Be at least a senior in high school or current student who will be enrolled full-time during August 2025 - June 2026 in one of the following:
 - Community college / university / graduate school
 - Trade / vocational school
- Submit proof of acceptance / enrollment in classes to be taken from August 2025 - June 2026.
- Submit proof of cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above for the most recent school term (whether high school, college, or vocational/trade school).
- Submit the attached application and essay responses, including all items noted above, by 5pm on **February 14, 2025**.

Selection

Recipients will be determined by the COPFCU Scholarship Committee. Notification will be made by April 1, 2025.

Completed applications and all supporting documents may be submitted by:

Online
Portal



Email

marketing@copfcu.com

Mail

COPFCU Scholarship Committee
959 W. 8th Street
Cincinnati, OH 45203

All completed applications will be submitted to the Cincinnati Area Credit Union Outreach Alliance (CUCOA) for their scholarship program.



2025-2026 COPFCU Scholarship Program Application

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. RETURN THE APPLICATION(S), ATTACHMENTS, AND OTHER REQUIRED MATERIAL TO COPFCU ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 14, 2025.

Student's Name _____ Member # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Mobile # _____ Birth Date _____

High School / College / Vocational School you currently attend _____

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to COPFCU to verify any of the above information.

Student/Candidate Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian is required for applicants under age 18:

As the parent/legal guardian of the student noted above, I hereby give my consent for my child to apply for both the 2025-2026 COPFCU Scholarship Program and the CACUOA Scholarship Program. I further grant permission to COPFCU and CACUOA to verify any of the information provided in the application, essays or other documents submitted that are required to complete the application.

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

Submit your completed application and all supporting documents using any of the following methods.

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1. Please list your community and/or school activities, and your employment history.
2. Why are you applying for this scholarship and how is it consistent with your educational/career/life goals?
3. In addition to scholarships, how do you plan to finance the rest of your education? How can a credit union help you?
4. What has been your most rewarding community involvement experience and why?

Please answer the following question by attaching your typed, double-spaced response.

(Entries should be no longer than 4 pages, and we strongly encourage creativity).

5. Credit unions often play a vital role in promoting financial well-being within communities. Describe your understanding of financial well-being and the unique benefits that credit unions offer compared to traditional banks. How has your experience with or knowledge of credit unions shaped your perspective on financial health? Discuss how you plan to leverage this understanding to enhance your own financial future and contribute to the financial wellness of others in your community.

To simplify the application process for students, the same essay questions are used for the COPFCU Scholarship and the CACUOA Scholarship.



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NAME/PHOTO/ESSAY RELEASE

Should I be awarded a scholarship from Cincinnati Ohio Police Federal Credit Union (COPFCU), I (we) hereby authorize COPFCU to use and reproduce the following items in announcing/promoting the recipients of their scholarship as well as the scholarship program:

- My Name
- My Photo
- My Essay

I understand that these items could be used for the purpose of publicity, advertising, publication, in web content and either in print or electronically. The items I submit will become the property of COPFCU and will not be returned.

Student/Candidate Signature _____ **Date** _____

Legal Guardian or Parent if a Minor (under age 18)

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature _____

Print Name _____ **Date** _____



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

The Scholarship Committee of the Cincinnati Area Credit Union Outreach Alliance (CACUOA) invites you to apply for a scholarship. There will be at least nine scholarships awarded at \$1,000 each. To qualify, you must be at least a senior in a local high school and plan to enroll in post-high school studies, including vocational, professional and academic studies, which are not limited to colleges and universities. Applicants may also be anyone who is obtaining an Associate or Bachelor Degree. You yourself must be a primary member of an Ohio Credit Union that has branches in one of the Cincinnati area counties to be eligible. (Cincinnati Area Counties are: Hamilton, Butler, Warren, Clermont, Brown, and Adams.)

Please return your completed application to: CCOCUL Scholarship Committee, C/O Karen Riel, Christian Family Credit Union, 410 Chamber Drive, Milford, OH 45150, no later than 5:00pm on February 14, 2025. This form may be reproduced on a computer.

Winners only will be notified by email by April 1, 2025. Names of the winners may be published in the local media after the awards dinner.

Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Birth date _____ E-mail _____

High School/College you currently attend _____

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

As stated above, YOU (the student) must be a member of an Ohio credit union. (The account must be in YOUR name.) List the full name of your Credit Union:

Your membership will be verified. If YOU are not a member your application will be disqualified.



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