IU Credit Union

High School Student Scholarship Application

2027-2028 Academic Year

IU Credit Union is offering (10) $1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors for the 2027-2028 academic year.

Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant OR applicant's legal guardian must be an IU Credit Union member in good standing, and maintain that membership status throughout the duration of the award. A member in good standing is defined as one with a minimum account balance of $5 and no loan delinquencies.
- The applicant must be enrolled in or intend to enroll in an undergraduate degree or certificate program at an accredited university, college or vocational school on a full-time basis for the duration of the 2027-2028 academic year.
- IU Credit Union employees, officials and their immediate family members are not eligible.
- The applicant must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25.

Award Disbursements

- The awards are for tuition, books and/or fees only and will be paid directly to the academic institution in which the recipient is enrolled.
- The award amount will be sent in two disbursements, one per semester, for the 2027-2028 academic year only. Scholarship funds cannot be applied to summer courses.
- Should a recipient no longer meet enrollment requirements between semester disbursements, the recipient would forfeit the remainder of the scholarship to an alternate chosen by the selection committee.

Application Instructions

Eligibility requires following all instructions, so please read them thoroughly.

- All parts of the application must be completed, including the application form and typed responses to three questions/prompts. **Incomplete or unsigned applications will be deemed ineligible**. All information included in the application will be treated as confidential.
- **Do not staple** any parts of the application.
- **Do not include or attach supplemental items** such as transcripts.
- Place the **last four digits of your Social Security number** in the upper right corner of each page. These digits can be typed or handwritten, as long as they are legible.
- **Do not include your name or any other identifying information** in your typed answers. Only include this information on the application form.

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Application Submission

The deadline for submission is **March 27, 2027**. Mailed applications must be postmarked by the deadline date. Submit the completed application to any IU Credit Union branch or mail to:

ATTN: Paige Ferguson
IU Credit Union
PO Box 368
Bloomington, IN 47402-0368

Application Criteria

Submitted applications must include the completed four-page application form, responses to the two short-answer questions, and an essay response to the writing prompt. Short answers and essays must be typed (not handwritten) on 8.5" x 11" white paper. Please do not print on both sides.

Short Answer

- What are your ambitions following the completion of your degree or certification?
- How will you use your education to make a positive impact in your community?

Essay

Describe a situation in your school, social, or family life in which you demonstrated leadership, overcame an obstacle, and contributed to a positive outcome for others.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be judged based on the following criteria.

- **Activities, experience and short answers** (15 pts.)
  - Community activities, volunteer work, paid work experience, and high school activities, extracurriculars and athletics. (5 pts.)
  - Ambitions following degree completion (5 pts.)
  - Aspirations to positively impact community (5 pts.)
- **Essay** (15 pts.)
  - Obstacle (5 pts.)
  - Leadership (5 pts.)
  - Impact (5 pts.)
- **Writing skills** (5 pts.)
  - Content, clarity, grammar, spelling, punctuation and formatting (5 pts.)

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Name: _____ IUCU account number: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current high school: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ ◯ Weighted ◯ Unweighted

School to be attended during the 2027-2028 academic year: _____

Planned field of study/area(s) of concentration: _____

Do you know of other scholarships you will be receiving? If so, what awards and what are the scholarship amounts?

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Certification & Release Authorization

I hereby certify that all of the information I have provided for this application is true and accurate. Furthermore, I understand that a history of my financial relationship with IU Credit Union will be researched. If selected as a recipient, I understand that any misstatement or omission of fact on this application may result in the termination of my award.

☐ I am, or my legal guardian is, an IU Credit Union member in good standing.

If guardian account, please provide name: _____

☐ I will be enrolled in an undergraduate degree or certificate program at an accredited university, college or vocational school during the 2027-2028 academic year.

☐ My cumulative GPA is at least 3.25.

☐ I understand IU Credit Union will use my name for public relations purposes if selected as a recipient.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Community Activities & Volunteer Work

Please list community activities and volunteer work and grade(s) of participation. Include any awards, honors, and recognitions received.

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Paid Work Experience

Please list paid work experience and grade(s) of participation. Include any awards, honors, and recognitions received.

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High School Activities, Extracurriculars & Athletics

Please list high school activities, extracurriculars and athletics you are/have been involved in and grade(s) of participation. Include any awards, honors, and recognitions received.

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