

Indiana University Student Scholarship Application

2026-2027 Academic Year

IU Credit Union is offering \$16,000 in scholarships to both full-time and part-time students of Indiana University for the 2026-2027 academic year. Full-time scholarships are \$2,500 per year, and part-time scholarships are \$1,250 per year.

Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant must be enrolled full-time or part-time with a minimum of six credit hours, in a graduate or undergraduate degree program at Indiana University for the duration of the 2026-2027 academic year. Full-time status is at least 12 credit hours for undergraduate students and at least nine credit hours for graduate students.
- The applicant 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.
- IU Credit Union employees, officials and their immediate family members are not eligible.

Award Disbursements

- IU Credit Union Scholarship winners will be notified by email in March. Non-winners will not be notified.
- 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 2026-2027 academic year only. Stipends cannot be applied to summer courses.
- Should a recipient drop out between semester disbursements, the recipient would forfeit the remainder of the scholarship to an alternate chosen by the selection committee. If enrollment status changes from full-time to part-time during the year, the award amount will be reduced accordingly.

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 four 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.

Application Submission

The deadline for submission is **February 7, 2026**. 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

Respond to the following questions/prompts. Answers must be typed (not handwritten) on 8.5" x 11" white paper. Please do not print on both sides.

Short Answer

- List in bullet point format any community service and volunteer work you have completed, as well as any paid work experience. Include dates of involvement and any honors or awards received.
- 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.

- **Short answer responses** (15 pts.)
 - Community service/volunteer work and paid work experience (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 neatness (5 pts.)



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Name: _____ IUCU account number: _____

Address where you receive mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Hometown/state prior to attending IU: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

IU campus to be attended during the 2026-2027 academic year: ☐ Bloomington ☐ Other: _____

Enrollment status during the 2026-2027 academic year: ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

Class standing during the 2026-2027 academic year: ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate

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

Expected degree completion date (month/year): _____

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 an IU Credit Union member in good standing.

☐ I will be enrolled either full-time or part-time at Indiana University during the 2026-2027 academic year.

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____