

2024 NYCUA Scholarship Program Important Information on Your 2024 NYCUA Scholarship Application

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thank you for expressing interest in our 2024 scholarship program, offered in partnership with New York Credit Union Association! We are reaching out to provide you with detailed instructions on applying to the program. Please review the following before completing your application.

Important Eligibility Information

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be a member of a participating New York credit union. If you're not already a member, we encourage you to connect with RT Federal Credit Union at 315-336-7810 to explore opportunities for membership.

Application Steps

- 1. Completing the Application Form: Fill out the scholarship application form, using only the space provided for your responses. Other than where specified on the application form, no attachments, resumes, pictures or other materials of any kind should be submitted or used to answer the questions.
- 2. Certification and Release Authorization: Both you and your parent or guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization on the final page of the application form.
- 3. Credit Union Verification Code: Secure a verification code from your credit union to confirm your eligibility for the scholarship.
- 4. Application Submission: Your completed application should be submitted online via the NYCUA Scholarship Portal by January 5, 2024. Along with your application, please upload:
- a. A high school transcript documenting your GPA for grades 9-11
- b. Your essay response

Ensure that all sections of the application are complete and all necessary documents are included. Incomplete applications or those missing required components will not be considered.

When uploading documents, please use PDF, Word, or JPG formats only (Google Docs are not accepted). Save and upload the following as three separate files:

- 1. Scholarship Application
- 2. High School Transcript
- 3. Essay

Assistance and Notifications

If you require further clarification or assistance, do not hesitate to reach out to RT Federal Credit Union at 315-336-7810. Successful applicants will be notified in May 2024.

We thank you for your interest in our scholarship program and eagerly anticipate your application. Best of luck in this and all your future endeavors!

Warm regards,

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APPLY FOR OUR 2024 SCHOLARSHIP!

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

You're a college-bound high-school senior and a member of a participating credit union.

NOT A MEMBER?
JOIN TODAY!



Last Name	First Name	
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Fund Your College Dreams!

Scholarship Application & Guidelines

The New York Credit Union Association (NYCUA) is partnering with credit unions to offer their college-bound members a scholarship opportunity. The program is designed to provide funds that would be used toward tuition, room and board, books, and school supplies. NYCUA awards scholarships to be paid jointly to the student and educational institution.

Am I eligible?

The applicant must be a member in good standing of a participating New York credit union who meets all of the following criteria:

- Is a college-bound high school senior at the time of submitting the application
- Is attending college for the first time in the fall of 2024
- Will be enrolled in either a two- or four-year accredited educational institution
- Agrees to use any scholarship funds awarded by January 31, 2025, at an accredited educational institution only

Application Process

To apply, eligible members must complete the scholarship application form. Applicants should use only the space provided on the form to answer the questions. Other than what's specified below, no attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind should be submitted or used to answer the questions.

If an applicant is a member of more than one credit union and submits an application to both, only one application will be scored for a state-level award. Both applications will be considered for any credit union-level awards that may be available.

Application Checklist

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High School Honors & Awards

Please list honors and award	ds and grade(s) of participation. Use	this space only.
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Leadership Positions Held (elected or appointed)

Please list leadership positions held and the grade(s) of participation. Use this space only.

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Examples: class officer, club officer, sports team leader, scouting leader, student government

Essay

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Please respond to the following questions in a comprehensive essay. Your response should be between 300–500 words. Please be sure to cite all sources. If any portion of the essay is plagiarized, the entire application will be disqualified. This includes the use of any generative AI software or programs to create any portion of your essay. Also, please ensure that you have answered each of the components of the essay. Personal narratives or other unrelated essays will not be eligible for credit, but you are encouraged to use personal experiences and examples as they relate to the question below.

- Be sure to include your name at the top of your essay.
- Use 12-point font and double-space your essay response.

Question: Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that exist to serve members, not generate profit. "People helping people" is the philosophical foundation of these institutions. What do you see as the value of this foundation? Please explain. In addition:

- What makes your credit union different than a for-profit financial institution?;
- How does your credit union demonstrate credit union's "people helping people" philosophy?; and
- If you ran your credit union, what is one new initiative/program you would implement?

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considerable scholarship award. I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify the lagree to use any scholarship funds awarded at an accredited educy January 31, 2024. I authorize the New York Credit Union Association and (credit union name) to publish my clean.	his applic Icational	eation. institu	
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