



WEST VIRGINIA CENTRAL
FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION

West Virginia Central Federal Credit Union
1306 Murdoch Avenue
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Deadline: May 1, 2025

Dear Student:

West Virginia Central Federal Credit Union is offering four scholarships totaling \$10,000. Four (4) \$2,500 scholarships to high school seniors seeking to continue their education at any accredited trade or vocational school, 2-year community college or a 4-year university as a full-time student (12 hours minimum) will be provided. All funds will be paid to the school, college or university.

The recipient must demonstrate exceptional character, community involvement, an interest in school activities & the potential for academic success.

The deadline for scholarship submission is May 1, 2025. Any student wishing to apply for the scholarship must be a current member of West Virginia Central Federal Credit Union. The student must have joined West Virginia Central Federal Credit Union as a *Main Member* by December 31, 2024.

For consideration of a scholarship, the following criteria will be used:

- Academic Merit: 35%
- Community & School Involvement: 30%
- Personal Essay: 20%
- Teacher/Professor Evaluation: 15%

Eligibility Requirement & Checklist are provided. Please return all applications to the attention of Michelle Fitcher by May 1, 2025 to the following address:

West Virginia Central Federal Credit Union
Attention: Michelle Fitcher
1306 Murdoch Avenue
Parkersburg, WV 26101

WVCFCU Scholarship Application

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

The following Eligibility Requirements must be met:

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior to be considered for one of the four \$2,500 scholarships and must be a Main Member of West Virginia Central Federal Credit Union as of December 31, 2024.
- Cumulative GPA Minimum 2.75 (on 4.0 Scale)
- Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
- Recipients of this scholarship will receive the monetary award when proof of enrollment as well as proof of billing or payment of fees & tuition. All documents should be submitted to the Credit Union for scholarship payment.

Scholarship Guidelines

- Applicant must meet all eligibility requirements
- Please print your name in the upper right corner of each page, in case they become separated.
- Provide copies of official transcripts from high school where you will be graduating this spring. Transcript must document Cumulative GPA.
- Provide copy of official test scores: Either SAT or ACT scores are acceptable. Scores may be reported on transcript; if so, please include a note stating that the scores appear on the transcript.
- 1 Letter of recommendation: A character reference from an adult school teacher/official. This teacher or official may not be related in any way to the applicant. Should describe you with respect to honesty, conscientiousness, and ability to accept responsibility in life or in the classroom. This letter must be returned directly to us by the evaluators.
- Complete one personal essay (500 words minimum). Essay must be typed neatly and address the two following questions.
 1. What is the most challenging obstacle you have faced and how did you overcome it?
 2. How will this help you in your future plans?

Applications will be reviewed and judged by an independent committee & inform the recipient by June 30, 2025. Scholarship recipient must be able to provide photo & potentially participate in speaking engagements and/or photo opportunities.

WVCFCU Scholarship Checklist

Please review the checklist provided. Only completed applications with all requested documentation will be reviewed. All incomplete applications cannot be considered for the scholarships. If you have any questions, please call Michelle Fitcher at (304) 485-4523.

- _____ Completed Application with all necessary signatures
- _____ Copy of most recent high school/college transcript(s) (with Cumulative GPA)
- _____ Copy of SAT &/or ACT scores
- _____ List of Community Involvement Activities
- _____ 1 Letter of Recommendation (mailed directly by the evaluators to the credit union)
- _____ 1 Essay (Minimum 500 Words)
- _____ Application postmarked or delivered by May 1, 2025.

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Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Address: _____

Number & Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone #: (____) _____

Social Security #: _____

Member Account #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ U.S. Citizen? _____ Or Permanent Resident? _____
(MM/DD/YY) (Y/N) (Y/N)

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

Current GPA: _____ Projected Class Rank: _____ Size of Graduating Class _____

SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____

College/University you wish to attend (or currently attend):

1st Choice: _____

Name

City

State

2nd Choice: _____

Name

City

State

Intended Major: _____

Do you have any educational plans beyond four years of college?

If yes, please explain on separate sheet and attach:

How do you plan to finance your education?

ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

Include volunteer/community service you have done, extracurricular/school activities you have participated in, offices held, depth of involvement and awards/recognition received. (Please use additional paper in needed)

Current Employment Record: (Are you currently employed?)

Employment and Position: _____

Hours per Week: _____ How long in this position: _____

Any comments/additional information that you feel would be pertinent to this application, please briefly explain here.

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DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I certify that the above information disclosed in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. I agree to abide by the decisions of West Virginia Central Federal Credit Union and the impartial scholarship committee & understand that the decisions are final and not open to contest. A false statement, alteration or omission of pertinent information from this application will be considered just cause for removal of application from scholarship consideration.

Students Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Scholarship Recommendation Form

Thank you for providing us with this recommendation. It is a valuable part of the scholarship selection process. Your assessment of the student should address his/her qualifications pertinent to the preferred area of study. Any special qualities which are outstanding in the student, such as concern for others or kindness; should also be noted.

When completed, please mail directly to:

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Student Name: _____
First M.I. Last

High School: _____ University: _____

Please evaluate the student's personal characteristics. Place one of the following in each box. (F – Fair; G – Good; E – Excellent)

- ☐ Leadership Ability
- ☐ Responsibility
- ☐ Integrity, honesty
- ☐ Teamwork
- ☐ Motivation
- ☐ Common sense, judgment
- ☐ Emotional Stability
- ☐ Cooperation
- ☐ Diligence, perseverance

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Additional Comments & Recommendations:

Evaluator's Name: _____ Title/Dept: _____
Please Print

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Scholarship Essay

What is the most challenging obstacle you have faced and how did you overcome it?
How will this help you in your future plans?

-Minimum 500 Words- (you may use this paper or type on additional sheets)