



TO: Scholarship Applicant

FROM: Sunset Federal Credit Union

Subject: Sunset Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Enclosed you will find the application for the Sunset Federal Credit Union Scholarship. Please take the time to fill out completely and return it with the requested transcripts and financial information by June 1, 2026 to:

**Sunset Federal Credit Union
1100 NW Murray Blvd.
Portland, OR 97229**

The criteria for this scholarship is based on (in order of importance):

- The applicant's financial need
- Scholastic standing (GPA or demonstrated potential in his/her chosen field/major)
- Community involvement

Please keep this in mind as you prepare your application.

If you wish to be notified of scholarship results even if you do not receive an award, please inform Sunset Federal Credit Union that you have filed an application. If you have questions, please contact Sunset Federal Credit Union at 503.643.1335.

Eligible Students

Each applicant must be a member or eligible for membership in Sunset Science Park Federal Credit Union; and either planning to enroll or already enrolled as a full-time student at an eligible institution. Students must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Students without recent high school transcripts and/or an eligible grade point average should follow instructions marketing with “*” in the application.

Eligible Institutions

Eligible institutions include any public or private, generally accredited two-year or four-year institutions of post-secondary education, including vocational training.

Conditions of Eligibility

- (1) Need for this scholarship shall be defined as a student having insufficient resources to meet the required educational costs at the institution in which the student has been accepted for enrollment. These costs shall include: tuition, fees, books, supplies, and room and board. Need shall be determined by examination of the student’s budget and tax returns. If student is still living at home, parents’ budget and tax forms should be submitted.
- (2) A student must demonstrate educational potential. This may be demonstrated by high school, college, or vocational program records or by submission of a letter* and references giving background information which demonstrates educational potential.
- (3) Community involvement is the third-ranked criteria for eligibility.

Amount of Scholarship

There will be at least two scholarships awarded - each in the amount of \$2,000. The award shall be for the period of one (1) academic year.

Members should apply every year, but qualified students applying for a scholarship renewal will be considered only after qualified applicants which have not been awarded scholarships.

Application Procedures

Interested Sunset Federal Credit Union members may request a scholarship from the credit union or by downloading from sunsetcu.com

The completed application, financial information, and letters or transcripts must be returned to Sunset Federal Credit Union no later than June 1, 2026. In order to be notified of results *if you are not awarded a scholarship*, please inform the credit union that you are an applicant.

Selection

The recipients shall be selected by Sunset Federal Credit Union. For selection, applicants shall be ranked according to:

- 1) Financial need (as determined by analysis presented in student's or parent's budget and previous year's tax returns).
- 2) Level of academic achievement (as determined by grade point average or demonstrated potential in a specific field or major).
- 3) Community involvement.

Scholarships will be awarded to the two applicants with the highest ranking in the following order:

- 1) Qualified applicants who are not prior recipients of the scholarship
- 2) Qualified renewal applicants who are prior recipients of the scholarship.

Award Notification

Sunset Federal Credit Union will send the recipients a notice of award specifying terms of the award. The recipients shall be required to sign and return one copy of the award notice to the credit union acknowledging the terms and certifying the scholarship funds will be used for educational expenses.

Disbursements

A check in the name of the recipients will be sent in one lump sum from the credit union to the financial aid office of the institution to be attended. The financial aid office will disburse funds in payment of fees or charges (books, supplies, etc) upon verification of registration as a full-time student (minimum 12 term/semester hours).

Refunds

Refunds resulting from the student's failure to complete a full study period will be returned to Sunset Federal Credit Union.

Sunset Federal Credit Union Scholarship Fund

Privately funded scholarship application

Return to:

Sunset Federal Credit Union
Union 1100 NW Murray Blvd
Portland, OR 97229

Deadline: June 1, 2026

Please type or print neatly

Date: _____

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Social Security Number: _____ Birthdate: _____

Permanent Residence/Street Address: _____

City

County

State

ZIP

Are you a: U.S. Citizen Permanent resident of the U.S. Neither

Date you expect to graduate from college/Vocational School _____
Month/Year

What degree will you earn? _____

High school Grade Point Average: _____

College Grade Point Average (Undergraduate) _____

College Grade Point Average (Graduate) _____

Are you a *graduating high school senior*? Yes No

If no, when did you graduate from high school? _____

What *high school* did you graduate from?

School

County

State

As of **this coming September**, what will your class standing be?

Freshman in college/vocational school Senior in college/vocational school

Sophomore in college/vocational school Master's program

Junior in college/vocational school Doctoral program

What are your anticipated or actual fields of study?

Major _____

Minor _____

What college, university, or vocational school, will you attend in the coming year?

School

City

State

WITH THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE INCLUDE:

Transcripts

High School Seniors: Enclose your most recent semester high school transcript, showing grade point average and aptitude test score

College Freshman: Enclose high school and college transcripts

Other students: Enclose transcripts of college work

Other applicants: Enclose typewritten letter of qualifications and three references

Financial Information:

- 1) Copies of current U.S. income tax returns for you and your parents. (This information is strictly confidential).
- 2) A budget showing projected tuition, lodging, books, fees, commuting expenses etc.

A list of any scholarships, fellowships, or tuition and fee waivers, which you will receive during the coming academic year (including dollar amount):

Scholarship _____ Amount \$ _____

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This page must be typewritten. If you need more space, use an additional page.

List your most significant high school activities.

List your most significant college activities (if applicable).

List community activities and work experience.

Describe your educational, career, and personal goals. If you win this award, how will it help you attain these goals?

Certification

I certify that all information which I have provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide proof of the information on this application. I understand that scholarship selection committees may review information provided on this form, my transcripts, and my need for financial assistance. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give my permission for publicity release.

Signature of applicant

Date

Telephone number _____

For applicants who feel that high school records do not reflect their educational potential:

- 1) Please submit a typewritten letter of 150 - 200 words presenting the committee with evidence demonstrating potential for education success. Such evidence might be community service, skills obtained on a job or during life experiences, or character traits, which indicate educational potential
- 2) Please submit two letters of reference from individuals qualified to evaluate your potential (not family members).