



## **Interstate Credit Union 2026 Scholarship Program**

For High School Seniors who demonstrate academic excellence, creativity, and community engagement.

**Deadline: March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5PM**

The purpose of the Interstate Credit Union scholarship program is to recognize academic excellence and community support provided by our young members. We recognize these individuals are the key to our future and want to demonstrate our support to higher education. Interstate Credit Union will award six scholarships to high school seniors who demonstrate academic achievement, creativity, and community service.

### **Eligibility**

1. Be an active member of Interstate Credit Union as evidence by at least six months of membership with a savings and or checking account in their name.
2. Be a graduating high school senior.
3. Demonstrate a commitment to community services (academic honors, sports, social events/organizations, volunteer activity or work experience).
4. Must return an acceptance letter or proof of application if acceptance is not available from a regionally or nationally accredited college, trade school or university.
5. A current cumulative grade point average (GPA) of a 3.0 or higher.
6. Two letters of recommendation.

### **Applicants must return the following:**

- Completed Application with demonstrated community involvement list (academic honors, sports, social events/organizations, volunteer activity or work experience).
- Proof that you have met our academic requirements by providing school transcripts.
- Acceptance Letter (if available); or proof of application.
- Letters of recommendation.
- Short biography that includes career goals.
- Create an essay that answers:

***“Why someone should choose a credit union as their primary financial institution over alternative service providers, such as for-profit banks.”***

Please email the materials to [shaskin@interstatecu.org](mailto:shaskin@interstatecu.org) or mail to: **Interstate Credit Union, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 190 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Jesup, GA 31545**

### **Further Scholarship Information**

Winning entries will be judged by Interstate employees and/or board members. Eligible essay submissions and packages will be judged on 1.) Originality/creativity 2.) Ability to deliver a message in a clear and impactful way 3.) Effectiveness in addressing the scholarship question and 4.) Accuracy of information presented. Entry in this scholarship constitutes acceptance to permit Interstate to use his/her name, and essay for advertising and promotional purposes without additional compensation. Interstate will not disclose entrants' personal information, such as a phone number to any outside entity. Entrant represents that the submitted essay is the participant's own original work. Once submitted, essays entries become the sole property of Interstate and will not be returned. The scholarship winner will be notified by phone. Scholarships will be made payable to the college of attendance.

# 2026 Interstate Credit Union Scholarship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Interstate CU Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant must be the account owner.

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

High school you attend \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of school

Post-secondary institutions you have applied to or been accepted to in the upcoming school year:  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you been accepted?  Yes (enclose acceptance letter)  Not Yet (enclose application)
2. Are you a High School Senior?  Yes
3.  I have enclosed a concise listing of academic honors, varsity or junior varsity sports, social or community activity, volunteer activity or work experience.
4.  I have enclosed a copy of my latest transcript. Numerical grade average \_\_\_\_\_.
5.  I have enclosed letters of recommendation from adult references (teacher, counselor, coach, employer, etc.) to whom I am not related by birth or marriage.
6.  I agree to permit the review of this application, my essay, and my school records by anyone representing the Interstate CU Scholarship Committee.
7. Should I receive this scholarship, my name and photograph  may  may not be released for publication. ***(Please check one box only.)***
8.  I have attached a short biography that includes my career goals.
9.  I have attached/enclosed my essay.
10.  I have attached a headshot to be used on social media if I am a scholarship recipient.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Required only for applicants under 18 years of age.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please email all documents to: [shaskin@interstatecu.org](mailto:shaskin@interstatecu.org) or  
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