



R.I.A. Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program

The purpose of the R.I.A. FCU Scholarship Program is to promote scholastic excellence and continuing education for our members. We will award \$1,000.00 scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year. The scholarships are to be awarded to individuals who demonstrate academic excellence, citizenship, community and school involvement, and are Credit Union members.

Eligibility

Any member of R.I.A. FCU with an account in good standing (no delinquent or charge-off loans) and who is a U.S. citizen may apply. An individual may join R.I.A. FCU for the sole purpose of eligibility. Scholarships will be awarded on an objective and non-discriminatory basis without regard to age, sex, race, religion or affiliation, and will be paid to the accredited school of choice.

Eligible members must be a graduating high school senior or current college student enrolling in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school. Applicants may reapply each year during graduate school, however the scholarship will not be awarded more than twice to the same individual.

Requirements

1. Complete application.
2. High school/college transcripts (May be sent separately).
3. Letters of recommendation (May be sent separately).
4. An essay which includes future plans and goals, and how academic and extracurricular activities will help the applicant achieve those goals.

Selection

All applications will be judged by the Scholarship Committee which consists of R.I.A. FCU management and staff. Judging will be based on merit, need and overall achievements in academic and extracurricular activities.

Only completed applications will be considered. The application and all requested information must be postmarked no later than **March 31st, 2024** and either emailed to dept-marketing@riafcu.com or mailed to

Scholarship Committee
R.I.A. Federal Credit Union
P.O. Box 4750
Rock Island, IL 61204-4750

Student Employment Information

Employer: _____ Hours per week: _____

Responsibilities: _____

Supervisor: _____ Employment dates: _____

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Financial Information

Total family income for most recent calendar year.

Under \$20,000	\$20,000-\$40,000	\$40,000-\$60,000
\$60,000-\$80,000	\$80,000-\$100,000	Over \$100,000

Funds available for college expenses

Parents _____ Personal savings _____

Student Loans _____ Grants _____

Financial aid from school _____ Other scholarships _____

References

List 3 individuals not related to you who will submit a letter of reference on your behalf. The form on the back of this application may be copied and given to each individual. We prefer that one be a teacher or counselor at your school.

Name: _____ Occupation/relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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Address: _____ Phone: _____

I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate, and I have completed all the required forms and documents.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Essay

Please write below or attach a 1,000 word essay about your plans and goals for the future and how you feel your academic and extracurricular activities will help you reach these goals.



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(Please type or print)

On behalf of this applicant, you are being asked to submit a letter of reference for R.I.A. FCU's Scholarship Award. Please use this form to answer the questions along with any additional comments. The letter of recommendation may be sent separately, but must be postmarked no later than **March 31st, 2024.**

Email directly to: dept-marketing@riafcu.com

Or mail directly to: Scholarship Committee
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Name of scholarship applicant:

How long and in what respect have you known the applicant?

How would you rate the applicant's dependability and desire in reaching their goals?

Comment on applicant's personal character and scholastic performance. What characteristics do you consider his/her greatest attribute and why would you recommend them to receive this scholarship?

Reference name: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____