



Advantage Federal Credit Union 2026 Trade School Scholarship Application

One (1) \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior.

Eligibility and Documentation required. ***You must check all boxes to qualify.***

**Failure to check all boxes will result in disqualification.*

Must be a current member of Advantage FCU with a Student Checking account in good standing. Please note: *If you have a Primary Checking account, you must open a Student Checking account. This can be done in-branch, or by calling our Member Service Center at 585.454.5900, x5.*

Two (2) letters of recommendation (separate sheets)

Essay Response (one-page, separate sheet).

Extracurricular Activities / Community Service / Resume (separate sheet).

Official high school transcript sent by your guidance counselor.

Minimum GPA 2.0, C, or equivalent

You must be a high school senior in the 2025/2026 school year.

Planned attendance to a trade/vocational school in the 2026 school year.

Submission Process

Completed application with all documentation must be submitted to:

**Mail to: Advantage FCU
 Attn: Marketing
 70 Metro Park
 Rochester, NY**

Or email to: marketing@advantagefcu.org

Applications must be emailed or postmarked on or before April 26, 2026.

Scholarship winners only will be notified on or before May 31, 2026.

Winner Selection Process

Four winners will be selected by an independent panel of judges. Judges are responsible for evaluating and ranking applications received within three separate categories: Academic Performance, Community Involvement (including sports, volunteer work, and activities outside of the standard school curriculum), and Essay Response.

Applicant Information

(Please type or print clearly using blue or black ink)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Student's E-mail Address: _____

Parent's E-mail Address: _____

High School: _____ **Graduation Date:** _____

High School GPA: _____

Name of institution(s) you are planning to attend:

Career and educational goals:

Certification and Release Authorization

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. If I am awarded a scholarship, Advantage Federal Credit Union may use my name and/or photo for publicity purposes.

Student's Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

(Student & Parent must sign application to qualify)

Essay and Documentation Requirements

Please include a separate sheet of Extracurricular Activities / Community Service / Resume with your application. List any activities you have participated in during your high school tenure including but not limited to:

- Clubs
- Sports
- Social
- School-based
- Religious organizations
- Community organizations
- Volunteer work
- Paid employment

Essay Prompt:

From your Extracurricular Activities / Community Service / Resume, please choose one volunteer experience that you found to be the most rewarding or provided the greatest benefit to the recipient(s).

Please describe how this experience personally affected you and how it relates to our credit union philosophy of ***"People Helping People."***

Essay Requirements:

- Please include your full name in your essay response.
- Essay must be typed, double-spaced, and use an 11-point font.
- The response is limited to a single side of an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper.
- Organization, grammar, punctuation and creativity are considered for scoring and grading.
- **This must be included with your application as a separate sheet.**

Please be sure to check all boxes on the first page of the application.



Advantage FCU 2026 Trade School Scholarship High School Transcript Request

Please detach and give to your guidance counselor.

Student name: _____ Date: _____

School: _____

Dear Counselor:

The above-named student is applying for a scholarship from Advantage Federal Credit Union. Each applicant is required to submit an **official copy of their high school transcript** signed and sealed (*please do not send originals*).

We appreciate your assistance in providing this information **before the application deadline of April 26, 2026**.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of your student.

Sincerely,

Advantage Federal Credit Union

Note: If possible, please return all information to the scholarship applicant upon completion. If you are required to mail transcript information, please send it to:

Mail to:	Advantage FCU Attn: Marketing 70 Metro Park Rochester, NY
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Or email to: marketing@advantagefcu.org
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