



## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Western Division Federal Credit Union will be awarding **six (6) \$1,000 scholarships**. In addition, the applicant who demonstrates their outstanding service to the community will be awarded a **\$500 scholarship** in memory of our former Board Member, Richard Walleshauser.

### Applicant Requirements

- Applicant must be a current Member of Western Division as of **November 3, 2025**.
- The applicant must be a graduating high school senior enrolling directly to an accredited 2 or 4 year College, University or Trade School.

### Selection Process

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the scholarship committee. Both subjective and objective criteria will apply. The following categories will be equally weighted:

- Academic Performance
- Resume
- Letter of Recommendation
- Essay

### Application Guidelines & Deadline

All applications must be received by **April 1, 2026**. Submit your application to and send to [scholarships@westerndivision.org](mailto:scholarships@westerndivision.org) with all requested materials. **Incomplete packages or hand written applications will be disqualified.**

**Award Guidelines** – All scholarships will be awarded on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to an applicant's race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age or religion. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to review. Applications will not be returned and will become the property of the credit union. Scholarship winners will be notified by email provided on application.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Western Division Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Administrator/Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acceptance of Funds** – Upon notification of the scholarship award, and before the release of the scholarship funds, the recipient must provide Western Division with the following: (1) copy of their acceptance/enrollment letter from the accredited 2 or 4 year college, university or trade school (2) a senior year, camera-ready photograph for publication. In the event that the following requested documentation, is not received before end of award year, the applicant acknowledges the scholarship funds will be forfeited back to the Western Division Scholarship Fund.

### Authorization

By signing below, I certify that I have read and understand the guidelines set forth in this application. The information that I have provided is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. In addition, I give permission to Western Division's Scholarship Committee to duplicate my application packet for processing, evaluation and media distribution purposes.

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

### **Academic Performance:**

**Attach** a copy of your official high school transcript including your Grade Point Average (GPA).

### **Resume:**

**Attach** a resume that includes any noteworthy school activities, honors and memberships. List all volunteer service, employment and internships. Include names of organizations, dates, activities and hours contributed.

### **Letter of Recommendation:**

**Attach** a signed Letter of Recommendation from an individual that has interacted with you (i.e. teacher, coach, volunteer coordinator, manager or official personnel). Why would they recommend you for this scholarship? How will it help advance your professional goals for the future?

### **Essay:**

**Attach** your essay of less than 300 words on the following topic:

*Do you think there's still a need for in-person banking and physical branches? What can our Credit Union do better or add to our services to become more relevant?"*