



Dear Student:

The Mutual Credit Union Charitable Foundation is proud to offer six members the opportunity to receive scholarships to further their education. Scholarships in the amount of \$3000, \$2000, (2) \$1500, and (2) \$1000 will be awarded based on the best overall submitted essays. A 2.5 minimum GPA is required. If selected as an award recipient, we require a copy of the letter of acceptance from your school of choice to distribute scholarship funds.

To qualify for a Mutual Credit Union Charitable Foundation Scholarship, you must:

- Be a **PRIMARY** member of Mutual Credit Union (not a joint owner) in good standing.
- Be a graduating high school senior enrolling at an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school during the 2023-2024 academic year.
- Have a minimum (2.5) cumulative grade point average for high school and any college courses completed.
- Not be an employee of Mutual Credit Union, board member, or other volunteer committee or their immediate family member (sister, brother, son or daughter).
- Submit a completed application packet no later than Close of Business on April 1, 2023.

A complete application packet must include:

- Completed Mutual Credit Union Charitable Foundation scholarship application
- Copy of your transcripts/grades with signature or seal of school official to verify authenticity
- Essay

Please read the enclosed Rules and Guidelines for complete details concerning the Mutual Credit Union Charitable Foundation Scholarship Program. For questions, please call Mutual Credit Union at (877) 457-3654.

Sincerely,

Mutual Credit Union Charitable Foundation Scholarship Committee



2023-2024 Scholarship Application

To recognize its members who have shown scholastic achievement and who are interested in advancing their education, Mutual Credit Union Charitable Foundation will award six (6) scholarships in the amount of \$3000, \$2000, (2) \$1500, and (2) \$1000 to the applicants with the best overall essays.

Complete all portions of this application (please print or type).

Date: _____

Name: _____ Student's Acct # _____

 Last First Middle (Student must be the primary member of an account.)

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____@_____

High School: _____

High School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

High School Telephone (____) _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

High School Graduation Date (Mo. /Yr.) _____

Each student goes to college with a unique history, educational goal, and dreams for the future. What would it mean to you to be offered one of our MCU Foundation scholarships?

College you plan to attend: _____

Planned major: _____

Please list honors and awards:

Please list your academic and extracurricular activities:

(Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

Essay: On a separate sheet of paper, please complete an essay on the following topic and attach it to your application. Please keep all written essays to a maximum of 1000 words, clearly printed or typed. Please use Times New Roman Font, 12 point, double spaced. Non-traditional essays in the form of poetry, infographic, art (digital or traditional mediums), photo-essay*, or music may be submitted as a substitution for the traditional written essay. If submitting a non-traditional essay, please include a brief explanation (350 words or less) of your artistic interpretation to the question along with your submission. We are unable to accept video submissions. * Photo essays should not contain identifying images of people, including the author.

- Certain people play significant roles in our lives. Who has been an influence in your life and how have they shaped you in a positive way? Which of their traits do you hope to have yourself one day?

Be creative — there is no set template for a winning essay! Do NOT include any identifying information on the essay so that essays may be judged anonymously.

I certify that I understand the eligibility requirements and that the information submitted is true to the best of my knowledge.

The winner of a Mutual Credit Union Charitable Foundation Scholarship agrees that upon acceptance of the scholarship, permission is granted to Mutual Credit Union to use the winner's name and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion and publicity without additional compensation. All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winner. The winning essay (in any form) may be published on the Mutual Credit Union website and social media sites. If selected as an award recipient, the winner agrees that a copy of an admission acceptance letter will be provided before distribution of funds is completed.

Signature of Recipient

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(if applicant is a minor)

Date

Deadline: Applications must be received at Mutual Credit Union no later than Close of Business on April 1, 2023.

A completed application package may be submitted electronically, by mail, or delivered to any of our branches.

Mail To:

Mutual Credit Union

ATTN: Charitable Foundation Scholarship Committee

PO Box 25

Vicksburg, MS 39181-0025

e-Mail:

marketing@mutualcu.org



Mutual Credit Union Scholarship 2023-2024 Academic Year Official Rules/Guidelines

Eligibility Requirements

- No entry fee required.
- You must be a graduating high school senior enrolling at an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school during the 2023-2024 academic year.
- You must have a minimum (2.5) cumulative grade point average.
- You must be a Mutual Credit Union member in good standing. (Student must be the primary member on the account.)
- Employees of Mutual Credit Union, board members, or other volunteer committees and their immediate families (sister, brother, son or daughter) are not eligible.
- This is not a lottery. This scholarship contest is void where prohibited or restricted by any law or ordinance.
- Applications must be received at Mutual Credit Union no later than 5:30 p.m., April 1, 2023, and all information is subject to verification.

Application Package

You may obtain an application package at any Mutual Credit Union branch, from the Mutual Credit Union website, or call (877) 457-3654 to request one be mailed to you.

A completed application package must include:

1. Completed Mutual Credit Union Charitable Foundation Scholarship Application
2. Copy of your transcripts/grades with signature or seal of school official to verify authenticity
3. Essay (Do NOT include any identifying information on the essay so that essays may be judged anonymously.)

Mail your completed application package to:

Mutual Credit Union
ATTN: Charitable Foundation Scholarship Committee
PO Box 25
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0025

Evaluation Process

The scholarship is awarded based on the complete application package. All decisions will be final.

Essay Topic:

- Certain people play significant roles in our lives. Who has been an influence in your life and how have they shaped you in a positive way? Which of their traits do you hope to have yourself one day?

Essay Criteria

Judges evaluating the essays will use the following criteria:

1. Does the essay present a clear focus of the topic?
2. Does the essay display originality?
3. Does the essay possess clear writing skills, including spelling and grammar?

Submission Requirements

___ Essays must be less than 1,000 words in length, written in English, printed clearly or typed using 12-point font, double spaced. Non-traditional essays in the form of poetry, infographic, art (digital or traditional mediums), photo-essay, or music may be submitted as a substitution for the traditional written essay. If submitting a non-traditional essay, please include a brief explanation (350 words or less) of your artistic interpretation to one of the questions along with your submission. We are unable to accept video submissions. Do NOT include any identifying information on the essay so that essays may be judged anonymously.

___ Only one essay may be submitted per person.

___ Submissions must be original work and may not be based, in whole or in part, on any previously published or any third party copyrighted material.

___ Any essay not within these guidelines will render the applicant ineligible for the scholarship.

___ The completed application package must be received at Mutual Credit Union no later than 5:30 p.m., April 1, 2022.

Scholarship Award

___ Six (6) scholarships in the amount of \$3000, \$2000, (2) \$1500, and (2) \$1000 to students who best meet the requirements.

___ The winners will be notified in May. Acceptance of a scholarship shall constitute permission for Mutual Credit Union to use the winners' names and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion and publicity without additional compensation. All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winners.

___ The winning essays may be published in the Mutual Credit Union Newsletter and on the Mutual Credit Union website and social media sites.

___ The winner will provide a copy of the acceptance letter before funds can be disbursed. All entries shall become the property of Mutual Credit Union and cannot be returned. Mutual Credit Union will not be responsible for entries that are lost, damaged, illegible, incomplete, misdirected, or arrive with postage due.