

**PIONEER VALLEY CHAPTER**  
**OF THE COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION**  
**ASSOCIATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Pioneer Valley Chapter's Scholarship Committee will be awarding **eight (8) \$2,000** Chapter Scholarships. Information regarding eligibility for these scholarships is listed below.

1. Eligibility is limited to high school seniors who will be enrolled in an undergraduate college degree program during the 2026-2027 academic years.
2. Applicant or parent/guardian must be a member of the sponsoring credit union.
3. The credit union must be a member in good standing with the Pioneer Valley Chapter.
4. Each applicant must complete a current 2026 Scholarship Application form and submit it with the other required material **to the sponsoring credit union**.
5. Each credit union will then select its top 2 applications and forward them to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee. The sponsoring Credit Union will verify that each applicant and/or parent/guardian is a credit union member.

The Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship winners evaluating each applicant on the following criteria: academic achievement, extracurricular/community activities and essay.

Students **must** submit the following items with their completed applications. All items requested must be received in order for the application to qualify for consideration.

1. Completed application.
2. List of extracurricular school activities and community service.
3. Students must submit a typewritten essay in 500 words or less on the following topic:  
**How can technology improve financial services for young people while maintaining the personal relationships that credit unions value?**
4. An official high school academic transcript of grades, including midyear/first semester senior grades, completed by their counselor.
5. Standardized test scores (SAT, ACT or both) Official high school transcript or a copy from a test agency.

**Scholarship application documents should be** turned in to any Freedom Credit Union branch or mailed to the Main Office at:

Freedom Credit Union  
Attn: PV Chapter Scholarship  
PO Box 3009  
Springfield, MA 01101-3009

**Deadline:** No later than **Friday, March 6, 2026.**

# Pioneer Valley Chapter of the Cooperative Credit Union Association

## 2026 College Scholarship Application

Please submit the following information to your sponsoring credit union. Applications that are incomplete or missing any materials will not be accepted.

- 1) Application Completed.
- 2) Official high school academic transcript of grades, including mid-year/first semester grades.
- 3) Current standardized test scores (SAT, ACT or both) official high school transcript or copy from test agency.
- 4) List of extracurricular school activities and community service.
- 5) Essay 500 words or less, please submit an essay on the following topic: **How can technology improve financial services for young people while maintaining the personal relationships that credit unions value?**

Credit Union  Student Name

Street Address  City, State, Zip Code

Telephone Number  Credit Union Member?  Year Joined

List siblings attending college:

Please indicate below the college(s) you have applied to and your acceptance status.

College:  Accepted?

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College:  Accepted?

College:  Accepted?

Please complete the information below where applicable.

SAT Total Score  ACT Score

SAT Subject Score

SAT Subject Score

SAT Subject Score

Weighted GPA  Unweighted GPA

Class Rank  out of (total class size)

Class Percentile

Please note: This scholarship is awarded primarily on academic achievement, however in some cases financial need may be considered.

Estimated Total Household Income

Estimated Funds Available

Savings, Checking Accounts

Student Employment

Aid from parents and family

Aid from college

Aid from others

*Submission of the essay constitutes consent to share the essay, in whole or in part, with attendees at the scholarship award event for recognition / purposes.*

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent email \_\_\_\_\_