

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**.

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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	<input type="text"/>	Student Name	<input type="text"/>
Street Address	<input type="text"/>	City, State, Zip Code	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>	Credit Union Member?	<input type="text"/>
		Year Joined	<input type="text"/>
List siblings attending college:	<input type="text"/>		

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

College:	<input type="text"/>	Accepted?	<input type="text"/>
College:	<input type="text"/>	Accepted?	<input type="text"/>
College:	<input type="text"/>	Accepted?	<input type="text"/>
College:	<input type="text"/>	Accepted?	<input type="text"/>

Please complete the information below where applicable.

SAT Total Score	<input type="text"/>	ACT Score	<input type="text"/>
SAT Subject Score	<input type="text"/>		
SAT Subject Score	<input type="text"/>		
SAT Subject Score	<input type="text"/>		
Weighted GPA	<input type="text"/>	Unweighted GPA	<input type="text"/>
Class Rank	<input type="text"/>	out of (total class size)	<input type="text"/>
Class Percentile	<input type="text"/>		

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

Estimated Total Household Income	<input type="text"/>
<u>Estimated Funds Available</u>	
Savings, Checking Accounts	<input type="text"/>
Student Employment	<input type="text"/>
Aid from parents and family	<input type="text"/>
Aid from college	<input type="text"/>
Aid from others	<input type="text"/>

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	_____