Cincinnati Area
Credit Union Outreach Alliance

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR

The Scholarship Committee of the Cincinnati Area Credit Union Outreach Alliance (CACUOA) invites you to apply for a scholarship. Up to $10,000 in scholarships will be awarded.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify, you must:

- Be a high school senior planning to enroll in post-secondary education (including vocational, professional, or academic studies -- not limited to colleges or universities) or be currently enrolled in a program pursuing an Associate or Bachelor's degree.
- Be a primary member of an Ohio Credit Union that has branches located in one of the following counties: Hamilton, Butler, Warren, Clermont, Brown, or Adams.
- Submit the application and essay responses by the deadline of **5:00pm EST on Wednesday, January 27, 2027.**

Your membership *will* be verified. Applications from non-members will be disqualified.

Completed applications and all supporting documents may be submitted by:

Mail
COPFCU
Attn: CACUOA Scholarship
959 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45203

Email
marketing@copfcu.com

Winners will be notified by email no later than April 2, 2027.

Print Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____ Birth date _____ E-mail_____

High School/College you currently attend _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian is required for applicants under age 18:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

As stated above, you (the student) must be a member of an Ohio Credit Union in your own name.

Credit Union Name _____

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Scholarship Instructions:

Your application will be scored based on how well you answer the questions, neatness and how well you follow the instructions below. If you fail to follow the instructions, your application will be disqualified.

- All responses should be typed and submitted on a separate document (not on this page).
- Type the question number and question before each response.
- Do not staple the application and additional pages together.
- Do not include your name on the question/answer/essay sheets.
- Do not submit double-sided responses (if mailing your application).

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1. Please list your community activities, school activities, volunteer activities, and employment history.

2. Describe a situation in which you faced a setback or failed at an important goal. How did you overcome the setback/failure? What lesson did you take from the experience?

3. What are your career goals? As AI becomes more prevalent in our world, how do you anticipate AI changing your chosen career and the work you will do? What negative impacts could AI have on your career field and work?

Please answer the following question by attaching your typed, double-spaced response.
(Entries should be no longer than 4 pages, and we strongly encourage creativity).

4. In recent years the US has experienced increased inflation and escalating consumer prices on everything from groceries to vehicles to rent/housing costs. What financial strategies will you use to ensure you can pay for your life necessities (groceries, vehicle, rent, utilities, etc.) without taking on excessive debt? How can your credit union help you understand and manage your finances?