



26th Annual Scholarship Awards

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

What school do you currently attend? _____

List any post-high school institutions you have been accepted to or will be attending this coming year. _____

Awards are open to any 2026 high school senior pursuing an academic, professional, or vocational post-high school education at a college, university, or accredited trade school. Each applicant is eligible for one \$1,000 award during high school.

I certify that all information provided on this application is accurate and complete. If scholarship funds are awarded to me, I give full consent for the use of my name and likeness to be used for promotional and publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if applicant is under age 18)

Date

Application Code #: (internal credit union use only)

HERMITAGE: 559 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148 phone 724.981.9410 fax 724.981.9412 toll free 866.384.0244

SHARON: 428 Sharpsville Avenue, Sharon, PA 16146 phone 724.342.2246 fax 724.342.1670 toll free 866.384.0594



A panel of judges will read, evaluate, and score your responses to the questions and your essay submission below.

- A. **Please answer the following:** (*limit to 1 page*) Worth 5 evaluation points.
 1. Describe/discuss community activities, school activities, and volunteer service you are involved in. (*limit to past three years*)
 2. Describe/discuss any awards you have received. (*limit to past three years*)
 3. Describe/discuss work experiences you may have. (*list work dates*)

- B. **Describe your educational/career/life goals** and how this scholarship will assist you in accomplishing these goals. (*limit to 1 page*) Worth 5 evaluation points.

- C. **Essay question:** Worth 40 evaluation points.
Please answer the question below by attaching your **typed, double-spaced** response on **8.5" X 11" white paper**. Your response should be no smaller than **11-point font** and limited to **500 words or less**. **Do not include your name** on the essay page. Essays written entirely using AI (artificial intelligence) will not be eligible for scholarship consideration. Entries that do not meet these guidelines will be disqualified.

ESSAY QUESTION

How can a credit union membership benefit you during your college or vocational career? Describe your plan for managing money during college. How will you incorporate your credit union's products and services in your plan?

PLEASE RETURN YOUR APPLICATION AND ESSAY TO MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION BY MAIL OR IN PERSON NO LATER THAN:

DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT
THE MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 18, 2026.**

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