



TO: Scholarship Applicant

FROM: evergreenDIRECT Credit Union

Subject: **evergreenDIRECT Credit Union Scholarship**

Enclosed you will find the application for the evergreenDIRECT Credit Union Community Scholarship.

Please take the time to fill out completely and return it with the requested transcripts and financial information by **April 15, 2026 to:**

**evergreenDIRECT Credit Union
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 408
Olympia, WA 98507-0408**

The criteria for this scholarship is based on (in order of importance):

- ☐ The applicant's financial need
- ☐ Community involvement
- ☐ Scholastic standing (GPA or demonstrated potential in his/her chosen field/major)

Please keep this in mind as you prepare your application.

If you wish to be notified of scholarship results *even if you do not receive an award*, please inform evergreenDIRECT Credit Union that you have filed an application by emailing Marketing@evergreenDIRECT.org. If you have questions, please contact evergreenDIRECT Credit Union at 360-943-7676.

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Eligible Students

Each applicant must be a member or eligible for membership at evergreenDIRECT Credit Union; and either planning to enroll or already enrolled as a **full-time student** (minimum 12 term/semester hours) at an eligible institution. Student must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average. **Students without a 2.5 GPA are still encouraged to apply.** Students without recent high school transcripts and/or an eligible grade point average should follow instructions marketing with “*” at the end of the application.

Eligible Institutions

Eligible institutions include any public or private, generally accredited two-year or four-year institutions of post-secondary education, including vocational training and school.

Conditions of Eligibility

- (1) Need for this scholarship shall be defined as a student having insufficient resources to meet the required educational costs at the institution in which the student has been accepted for enrollment. These costs shall include: tuition, fees, books, supplies, and room and board.
- (2) Community involvement is the second-ranked criteria for eligibility.
- (3) A student must demonstrate educational potential. This may be demonstrated by high school, college, or vocational program records or by submission of a letter* and references giving background information which demonstrates educational potential.

Amount of Scholarship

There will be at least **two scholarships** awarded - each in the amount of **\$1,000**.

The award shall be for the period of one (1) academic year.

Members should apply every year. The scholarship *does not* automatically renew.

Application Procedures

Interested evergreenDIRECT Credit Union members may request an application from the credit union or by downloading the forms from evergreenDIRECT.org.

The completed application, financial information, and letters or transcripts must be returned to **evergreenDIRECT Credit Union** no later than **April 15, 2026**. In order to be notified of results *if you are not awarded a scholarship*, please inform the credit union that you are an applicant by emailing Marketing@evergreenDIRECT.org.

Selection

The recipients shall be selected by evergreenDIRECT Credit Union. For selection, applicants shall be ranked according to:

- 1) Financial need (as determined by analysis presented in student's application).
- 2) Community involvement.
- 3) Level of academic achievement (as determined by grade point average or demonstrated potential in a specific field or major)

Scholarships will be awarded to the two applicants with the highest ranking in the following order:

- 1) Qualified applicants who are not prior recipients of the scholarship
- 2) Qualified renewal applicants who are prior recipients of the scholarship.

Award Notification

evergreenDIRECT Credit Union will send the recipients a notice of the award specifying the terms of the award. **The recipients shall be required to sign and return one copy of the award notice** to the credit union acknowledging the terms and certifying the scholarship funds will be used for educational expenses.

Disbursements

A check in the name of the recipient will be sent in one lump sum from the credit union to the financial aid office of the institution to be attended. The financial aid office will disburse funds in payment of fees or charges (books, supplies, etc.) upon verification of registration as a full-time student (minimum 12 term/semester hours).

Note: If the student's start date is delayed for any reason, please notify the credit union as soon as possible for the scholarship to be deferred.

Refunds

Refunds resulting from the student's failure to complete a full study period will be returned to evergreenDIRECT Credit Union.

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Privately funded scholarship application

Return to:

**evergreenDIRECT Credit Union
Attn Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 408, Olympia, WA 98507-0408**

Deadline: April 15, 2026

Please type or print neatly

Date: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Social Security Number: _____ Birthdate: _____

Permanent Residence/Street Address: _____

City County State ZIP

Are you a: ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Permanent resident of the U.S. ☐ Neither

Date you expect to graduate from college/vocational school: _____
Month/ Year

What degree will you earn? _____

High School Grade Point Average: _____

College Grade Point Average (Undergraduate) _____

College Grade Point Average (Graduate) _____

Are you a *graduating high school senior*? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, when did you graduate from high school? _____

From what *high school* did you graduate? _____

School County State

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As of **this coming Fall Semester**, what will your class standing be?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman in college/vocational school | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior in college/vocational school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore in college/vocational school | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior in college/vocational school | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral program |

What are your anticipated or actual fields of study?

Major _____

Minor _____

What college, university, or vocational school will you attend in the coming year?

_____	_____	_____
<i>School</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>

Please list the address and phone number of the financial aid office of the school you will be attending: _____

Indicate the academic periods you plan to attend:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall quarter/semester | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter quarter/semester |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring quarter/semester | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer quarter/semester |

Are you (or will you be) a full time student: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Full time student is identified as a minimum of 12 term/semester hours.

_____	_____
<i>Parent or Guardian's Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>

Parent's Address (if different from your permanent address)

Are you currently a member of evergreenDIRECT Credit Union? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Membership at evergreenDIRECT Credit Union is required to be awarded the scholarship

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ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

List the colleges/vocational schools or universities you previously attended:

School _____

City/State _____

When attended _____ Degree _____

School _____

City/State _____

When attended _____ Degree _____

WITH THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE INCLUDE:

Transcripts

High School Seniors: Enclose your most recent semester high school transcript, showing grade point average and aptitude test score

College Freshman: Enclose high school and college transcripts

Other students: Enclose transcripts of college work

Other applicants: Enclose typewritten letter of qualifications

All applications must submit three letters of recommendations or references.

Financial Information:

FDA budget showing projected tuition, lodging, books, fees, commuting expenses etc.

income tax return for the previous year. If you are a dependent, provide the income tax return of the parent or guardian. If you are a student, provide the income tax return of the student. If you are a married couple, provide the income tax return of the couple. If you are a single parent, provide the income tax return of the parent. If you are a single student, provide the income tax return of the student. If you are a married couple, provide the income tax return of the couple. If you are a single parent, provide the income tax return of the parent. If you are a single student, provide the income tax return of the student.

Applicants who did not file taxes must provide a signed statement explaining why no return was filed.

If applicable, a Statement of Extenuating Circumstances (optional)

We understand that financial circumstances are not always fully reflected in tax documents alone. Please share any extenuating circumstances- such as illness, medical expenses, or other hardships- that you believe should be considered when evaluating your financial need. Please limit to 250-500 words.

List of any scholarships, fellowships, or tuition and fee waivers, which you will receive during the coming academic year (including dollar amount):

Scholarship _____ Amount \$ _____

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This page must be typewritten. If you need more space, use an additional page.

List your most significant high school (or college) activities.

Who or what inspires you to further your education?

List community activities and work experience.

Describe your educational, career, and personal goals. If you win this award, how will it help you attain these goals?

Certification

I certify that all information, which I have provided on this form, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide proof of the information on this application. I understand that scholarship selection committees may review information provided on this form, my transcripts, and my need for financial assistance. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give my permission for publicity release.

Signature of applicant

Date

Telephone number _____

***For applicants who feel that high school records do not reflect their educational potential:**

- 1) Please submit a typewritten letter of 150 - 200 words presenting the committee with evidence demonstrating potential for education success. Such evidence might be community service, skills obtained on a job or during life experiences, or character traits, which indicate educational potential
- 2) Please submit three letters of reference from individuals qualified to evaluate your potential (not family members).