

**SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

Each year the Wauna Credit Union (WCU) Scholarship Committee determines the number and amount of scholarships awarded. Scholarships are given for post-high school education and may be used for tuition, room, board, books, and fees.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2026.

ELIGIBILITY

Recipients must be graduates of, or on track to graduate from, any high school and a member of WCU. There will be no discrimination as to race, creed, color, national origin, religion, or gender of the applicant. Recipients may be former winners of this scholarship with payment made for the second, third, or fourth year of school. Recipients must be enrolled a minimum of half-time at their academic institution during the year in which the WCU scholarship is awarded.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be a member in good standing with WCU.
- The WCU application form attached shall be used; others will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

Please make sure to include:

- One copy of your FAFSA report showing your EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
- One official transcript from your high school and/or college
- Enclosed pages outlining extracurricular/community activities
- The enclosed section outlining your future goals and objectives
- Two letters of reference — preferably one letter from a teacher and one from a community leader or other personal reference who knows you outside of school

Well rounded activities showing community involvement and a well-developed application will be given higher priority in the application process. The scholarships granted shall be awarded at graduation or awards assembly as per each school's policy. The WCU Scholarship Committee shall make the final decision as to the recipients of the scholarships. Checks shall be made payable to the educational institution by WCU. If the recipient elects not to attend or not to continue in school, the scholarship will be awarded to an alternate recipient chosen by the committee. Recipients must submit proof of enrollment before scholarship funds will be awarded to the educational institution.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Email _____

You must be a member of Wauna Credit Union to apply.

Primary Branch _____ Account # _____

HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

High School _____ Graduation Date _____

Cumulative High School GPA _____ GPA for Any College Courses Taken in HS _____

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE & PLANS

If you have attended college, which school did you attend? _____

Dates of Attendance _____

Cumulative College GPA to Date _____

Which school do you plan to attend next year? _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Major / Course of Study _____

Standing at Time of Scholarship Use ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore
☐ Junior ☐ Senior



BACKGROUND & FAMILY

Please describe any other educational credit or vocational training you have received.

Number of other children in your family who are currently attending:

Grade School _____ Middle School _____ High School _____

Community College _____ College / University _____ Vocational School _____

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Occupation _____ Annual Income _____

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What is the biggest challenge or obstacle you have ever conquered?

How would receiving a scholarship from Wauna Credit Union impact your life?

Feel free to attach additional pages if more space is needed to answer the above questions.



FAFSA EFC REPORT

Please attach page 1 of your FAFSA Expected Family Contribution report.

This must be completed to apply for a WCU scholarship.

If you have not already applied for federal student aid, you can follow this link to apply:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

INCOME

Funds dedicated to college expenses:

Personal funds (i.e. savings) _____

Estimated annual earnings (while attending school) _____

Parental or spousal support _____

Value of scholarships awarded _____

Tanis (food stamps or money) _____

Alimony or child support _____

Federal student aid _____

Other income source _____

Total estimated annual income _____

EXPENSES

Cost to attend one year at college of choice:

Educational expenses (i.e. tuition, books, fees) _____

Other (i.e. rent, living expenses, etc.) _____

Total estimated annual expenses _____

NEED

Estimated annual financial need _____

(Total income - total expenses = financial need)



GOALS

Please write a statement discussing your educational and career goals.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

College students may include activities/clubs in which they were involved during high school as well as during college — please distinguish said activities with parentheses. If applicable, please also offer an explanation for a lack of participation in school activities.

List the most important school activities in which you were involved. Make sure to note your level of participation and any leadership roles.

Activity / Club

of Years Involved

Role in Group

Which of these activities was most important to you? Why?

Feel free to attach additional pages if more space is needed to answer the above questions.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & VOLUNTEERISM

List the most important community and/or volunteer activities with which you were involved, noting your level of participation and any leadership roles. If applicable, please also offer an explanation for a lack of participation in community/volunteer activities.

Activity / Organization

of Hours Served

Role

Which of these experiences was most important to you? Why?

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CURRENT & PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Please list any work experience you have.

Employer	Dates	# of Hours / Week	Responsibilities

When choosing a financial institution, what services are most important to you and why?

Feel free to attach additional pages if more space is needed to answer the above questions.



CERTIFICATION

All of the information provided by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information supplied on this form if required. My signature certifies that all the information provided is complete, factually correct, and honestly represented. Falsification of information on this application could jeopardize any assistance offered. I hereby authorize Wauna Federal Credit Union to verify the information given.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I hereby affirm that I intend to enter an accredited school of higher education. I understand that no scholarship funds shall be transmitted to any educational institution until the Wauna Credit Union Scholarship Committee receives notification from the registrar of the college or university in which I am enrolled. Additionally, I hereby grant permission for the use of my name and information contained in my application in any future publicity for Wauna Credit Union.

Signature of Applicant

Date