



## WCCU CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

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### WCCU Scholarships:

Westby Co-op Credit Union (WCCU) is pleased to provide \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are members of WCCU Credit Union or who are the child (or under legal guardianship) of a member of WCCU Credit Union. In 2023, a total of 20 scholarships will be awarded and distributed among our branches.

### Scholarship Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a graduating high school senior entering a post-secondary school or equivalent academic institution as a full-time student in the academic year following high school graduation.
- Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4-point scale.
- The applicant must be a member of WCCU Credit Union or be the child (or under legal guardianship) of a member of WCCU Credit Union.
- Must have been a member for at least one year and must be in good standing.

*[For the purposes of scholarship selection, 'good standing' will be defined as a member that has not caused Westby Co-op Credit Union a loss at the time of eligibility verification. Account must be open.]*

### Scholarship Application Submission & Requirements:

- **Application must be typed and materials must be submitted electronically as PDFs by 5:00 pm on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** Late applications will not be considered. Paper and/or printed applications will not be accepted.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. The following documents must be included as attachments with the application:
  - A PDF of the completed 2023 scholarship application form (typed).
  - A PDF of the student's transcript or similar documentation to indicate cumulative Grade Point Average during high school. Document *must be verified and/or signed* by the proper school authority to indicate authenticity.
- Typed applications must be emailed to [info@wccucreditunion.coop](mailto:info@wccucreditunion.coop).
- An email notification will be sent to the email address noted on the application to verify the receipt of your application. If you do not receive notification within 3 business days of submission, please call your local branch and ask to speak with the Marketing Department.

### Scholarship Selection & Disbursement:

Scholarship applications verified for eligibility will be grouped by branch, and winners will be selected at random from each branch. Winners will be selected by March 31, 2023. Winners will be announced at local scholarship nights, when possible, and all winners will be notified in writing by June 9, 2023.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient after successful completion of the equivalent of one semester of post-secondary study.



# WCCU 2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## Contact Information & Academic History:

Applicant's Name (First MI Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicant or Parent/Guardian must be a WCCU member for at least 12 months to be eligible.*

Approximate Month/Year joined WCCU: \_\_\_\_\_ Member is: \_\_ Self \_\_ Parent/Guardian

Name of Parents or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

College or Technical School You Plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major or Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

## Applicant's Experience with WCCU Credit Union: *(Note: Your answers will not impact your eligibility for a scholarship. Your generation is our future, and we value your honest insight.)*

Please check all WCCU services/products that you use:

- |   |                                      |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account  | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card | <input type="checkbox"/> Online Banking            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account | <input type="checkbox"/> Debit Card  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Banking (WCCU App) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loan             | <input type="checkbox"/> Checks      | <input type="checkbox"/> Shazam Bolt\$             |

Did you know that you can deposit a check to your WCCU account by taking a picture with your smartphone or tablet?  Yes  No

If you have used this service, tell us about your experience:

\_\_\_\_\_

If you have NOT used this service, tell us why not:

\_\_\_\_\_

When selecting or staying with a financial institution, rate the **top four reasons** you'd take into consideration *(1 being most important, 2 being second, etc. through 4)*:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| ___ Physical Location                       | ___ Financial is a Cooperative (Credit Union) |
| ___ Online Services/Mobile Services         | ___ Friendly Staff                            |
| ___ Involved in the Community               | ___ Online Live Chat Services                 |
| ___ Lowest Loan Rates/Highest Savings Rates | ___ Access to Financial Planning Advice       |
| ___ Reasonable and Affordable Fees          | ___ Free ATM's                                |



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## Financial Education & Experience:

What percentage of your shopping is done online (Approximately)? \_\_\_\_\_

If you owe someone money, how would you pay them? (*Would you use cash, check, VenMo, etc?*):

\_\_\_\_\_

Did you take a personal finance class in high school?     Yes     No    Was it helpful? Please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

We are often asked to do “financial education” presentations at schools. What information or topics would you find most valuable as a high school senior?

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**Short Essay:** (Answer ONE of the following essay questions in 200-300 words. **Use space provided below – DO NOT attach a separate document.**)

\_\_\_ *Describe and define the importance of financial education. Utilize examples from your own experiences, if possible:*

\_\_\_ *How has volunteering and community service impacted your life and your community? Utilize examples from your own experiences, if possible:*

Application must be complete, typed and returned electronically **by 5:00 pm on March 15, 2023** to [info@wccucreditunion.coop](mailto:info@wccucreditunion.coop).

### FOR WCCU OFFICE STAFF ONLY:

- Application Completed Fully
- Member in good standing
- Member since at least 3/15/2022
- Transcript included (GPA of at least 2.5)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Branch:** \_\_\_\_\_

Application Submitted by 3/15/2023 5:00pm