



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2026

Higher education and expanding knowledge is important at Dakota Plains Credit Union. To encourage our youth to pursue their education dreams, we are offering **three (3) \$500.00** scholarships to our members for currently enrolled and fall enrollments attending a two- or four-year post-secondary college or university or a technical/vocational school.

Eligibility requirements:

- Must be a Dakota Plains Credit Union member as of December 31, 2025.
- Be the primary member on your account and account must be in good standing.
- Students must be planning on attending an accredited college or university or a technical/vocational school by either enrolling or being currently enrolled.
- Students must be in good standing within their school and have a GPA greater than 2.5.
- Students must complete the semester during the year the scholarship is presented (Academic Year 2026-2027).

How Recipient will be selected:

1. One scholarship recipient from each branch of Dakota Plains Credit Union will be selected based on the following criteria:
 - a. Personal Achievement
 - b. Extracurricular Activities, Community Involvement, and Employment
 - c. Use of Credit Union Services:
 - i. Savings, Share Draft Account, Certificate of Deposit (CD), Virtual Branch (Online Banking), Debit/ATM Card, or Loan products.
 - d. Written essay of 500 words or more
2. Judging will be completed by impartial judges chosen by Dakota Plains Credit Union. The judge's decisions will be final.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE INSTITUTION WHICH SCHOLAR IS ENROLLED IN.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

Must be postmarked by March 31, 2026.

DAKOTA PLAINS CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026

NAME: _____ MEMBER OF CREDIT UNION: YES OR NO
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____ CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____
HIGH SCHOOL: _____ GRADUATION DATE: _____ GPA: _____
INSTITUTION PLANNING TO ATTEND: _____
EXPECTED FIELD OF STUDY/DECLARED MAJOR: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> 4 YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 YEAR COMMUNITY OR JUNIOR COLLEGE	<input type="checkbox"/> VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL
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(Please check which one you will be attending.)

WHAT WILL YOUR CLASS STATUS BE IN THE FALL OF 2026?

<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior
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(Please check which one you will be attending.)

How did you hear about Dakota Plains Credit Union Scholarship?

<input type="checkbox"/> Website	<input type="checkbox"/> School	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
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(Please select one of the above.)

I CERTIFY THAT EVERYTHING I HAVE STATED ON THE APPLICATION AND ANY ATTACHMENT IS TRUE AND MY ORIGINAL WORK.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

I GIVE PERMISSION TO RELEASE MY FULL NAME TO THE MEDIA SHOULD I RECEIVE THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (IF UNDER THE AGE OF 18 AT TIME OF APPLICATION)

DATE

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ON SEPARATE PAPER PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND EXCLUDE YOUR NAME:

- 1.) WHAT SCHOOL ARE YOU CURRENTLY ATTENDING?
- 2.) PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS?
- 3.) EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, OR EMPLOYMENT?
- 4.) WHAT DAKOTA PLAINS CREDIT UNION SERVICES DO YOU HAVE? AND WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT THOSE PRODUCTS?
- 5.) ESSAY- 500 WORDS.
 - a. MUST BE TYPED AND GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT. AGAIN, PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ANY SEPARATE PAGES.
 - b. HERE AT DAKOTA PLAINS CREDIT UNION, WE ARE DEDICATED TO HELP GROW OUR MEMBERS. PLEASE SHARE THE FOLLOWING:
 - i. HOW HAS DAKOTA PLAINS CREDIT UNION MADE AN IMPACT IN YOUR LIFE?
 - ii. TELL US ABOUT A TIME WHEN DAKOTA PLAINS CREDIT UNION EXPERIENCE MADE YOU FEEL APPRECIATED?
 - iii. WHO WOULD YOU RECOMMEND BECOMES A MEMBER AT DAKOTA PLAINS CREDIT UNION AND WHY?

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(Please choose 1 of the below methods so we can receive your application along with sending us back page 2.)

Please mail application to: **DAKOTA PLAINS CREDIT UNION
ATTN: MARKETING COMMITTEE
PO BOX 248
EDGELEY, ND 58433**

****MUST BE POST MARKED BY TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026**

Email application to: **marketing@mydpcu.com**

OR DROP OFF IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AT ANY DAKOTA PLAINS CREDIT UNION BRANCHES WITH:

ATTN: MARKETING COMMITTEE