

# 2026 Affinity Credit Union Scholarship Entry Form

Deadline for scholarship application April 3, 2026



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (MI)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Affinity Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

## How did you hear about Affinity's Scholarship?

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| <input type="radio"/> Word of mouth        | <input type="radio"/> Affinity CU Board Member | <input type="radio"/> Affinity Email     |
| <input type="radio"/> Affinity CU Employee | <input type="radio"/> Affinity CU Branch       | <input type="radio"/> Guidance Counselor |
| <input type="radio"/> Affinity CU Member   | <input type="radio"/> Affinity Website         | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____       |

## Sworn Statement

I swear the attached essay and resume are my original work and all other personal information is true. I understand the essay and resume become the property of Affinity Credit Union for whatever use they deem appropriate. I agree to cooperate with Affinity Credit Union in promotional activities related to the scholarship competition, and should I be selected a winner; give them permission to use my name and photo in promotional activities. Recipients of scholarships are asked to attend the Affinity Credit Union annual meeting on the evening of May 12, 2026, to receive recognition.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Submit Entry Form, Essay, and Resume to:

**Affinity Credit Union**  
**ATTN: Claire Maixner**  
**475 NW Hoffman Lane**  
**Des Moines, IA 50313**

# Affinity Credit Union Scholarship Rules, Regulations & Entry Procedures



Affinity Credit Union's scholarship program encourages young adults to learn about the credit union movement and to prepare themselves for future challenges, both inside and outside the credit union movement. One NON-RENEWABLE \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a full-time college student attending a community college, four-year university, or tech college/trade school.

## I. Eligibility

- A. To be eligible, applicants must be attending a four year college/university, community college, or tech college/trade school.

## II. Entry Requirements

Entrants will be required to write an essay of approximately 500 words on the following topic:

***Affinity Credit Union's mission statement is "Building Better Lives." In your opinion, what role should financial institutions such as Affinity play in the betterment of their communities? Please describe what "building better lives" means to you and discuss how you hope to exemplify these characteristics during your continued education.***

- A. The essay must be typed and double-spaced on white 8 ½ x 11-inch paper. The essay must be the original work of the entrant.
- B. Entrants will also be required to submit a typed, business-style resume on 8 ½ x 11-inch white paper. The resume should not exceed two pages in length and, at a minimum, should contain the following information: entrant's name, address, phone number, educational information (including high school attended), subjects emphasized throughout entrant's education, cumulative grade point average from your entire high school career, ACT/ SAT scores (if available), honors and awards, extracurricular activities, and future educational plans.
- C. Entrants must complete and sign an official entry form.

### III. Judging

- A. A scholarship committee from Affinity Credit Union will conduct the judging.
- B. Each judge will award a maximum of 75 points to the essay and a maximum of 25 points to the resume. Judges will base their scores for the essay on originality, clarity, meaningful content, accurate presentation of facts, adherence to contest rules, spelling, neatness, grammar, and punctuation. The resume will be judged on neatness and presentation, adherence to contest rules, and potential of the student to be successful.
- C. All entries must be received at the credit union no later than **April 3, 2026**. Entries can be taken to either branch or mailed to **Affinity Credit Union, 475 NW Hoffman Lane, Des Moines, IA 50313**. All entry forms and required documents must be included in a sealed envelope.
- D. The results will be tabulated and the winner will be declared. All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final. The winner will be notified by May 1, 2026. Recipient of this scholarship are asked to attend the Affinity Credit Union annual meeting on the evening of May 12, 2026, to be recognized for their scholarship.
- E. All scholarship entries become the exclusive property of Affinity Credit Union and will not be returned.

### IV. Administrative/Award Procedures

- A. Winners of the scholarship must begin their studies within one year of being awarded the scholarship or may be required to forfeit the award in the absence of extenuating circumstance.
- B. Affinity Credit Union will hold scholarship funds until written verification is received from the college registrar where the student is enrolled.
- C. **Funds are to be used for tuition, room and board, and book and educational expenses only.** Affinity Credit Union may require documentation. If documentation cannot be shown (at the discretion of the above listed entities) funding may be required to be paid back in full.

### V. Authority of Affinity Credit Union

- A. Affinity Credit Union has the ultimate authority to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness in the award of the scholarship.
- B. Any questions regarding the scholarship should be addressed in writing to Affinity Credit Union, 475 NW Hoffman Lane, Des Moines, IA 50313.