Frankenmuth Credit Union
2027 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION GUIDE

Application Requirements:

- Applicant must be a member of Frankenmuth Credit Union in good standing.
- Applicant must have a 2.50 GPA or higher.
- See Scholarship Requirements on page 2 for a further explanation of Scholarship Requirements.
- Application opens November 15th. Application must be submitted no later than February 15th at 5:00pm.

Online Application:

- Visit frankenmuthcu.org ask Chatbot Carl: Scholarship
  Chatbot Carl will provide a link to the online scholarship application **OR**
- Type in this link: https://frankenmuthcreditunion.formstack.com/forms/fcuscholarship



Attach the following documents to the online application:

- A list of your extra-curricular activities*
- 300-500 word essay on the topic listed below*

**DO NOT include your name on your essay submission or in the body of your essay. Do not include your name on your list of extra-curricular activities.*

2027 ESSAY TOPIC

"What is one important financial lesson you have learned, and how do you plan to use this knowledge as you pursue your education, career, and future goals?"

When completing the online scholarship application, you will select the scholarship(s) you qualify for from the list below. *(Note: applicants must be current members of FCU, in good standing and not caused FCU a loss, and must stay that way to receive future payments).*

Scholarships For College or University Bound: Awarded $1,500 every year for 4 years of qualifying:

- **The FCU Scholarship** will be awarded to five present-year graduating seniors from any high school.
- **The FCU General Scholarship** is awarded to a present-year graduating senior or a student who graduated high school within the past five years from any high school.
- **The FCU Farm Bureau Scholarship** is awarded to a present-year graduating senior from any high school and is a member or an immediate family member of a Farm Bureau member (regular or associate member).
- **The FCU Kathy Bierlein Yancer Scholarship – Vassar HS**, is awarded to a present-year graduating senior of Vassar High School.
- T**he FCU Father Joseph Roach Scholarship – Reese HS**, is awarded to a present-year graduating senior of Reese High School.
- **The FCU Scholarship – Frankenmuth HS**, is awarded to a present-year graduating senior of Frankenmuth High School.

Skilled Trade Scholarships: Awarded $1,500 each year for 2 years of qualifying:

- **The FCU Skilled Trades Scholarship** will be awarded to five individuals – including four present-year graduating seniors and one student who graduated high school within the past five years from any high school.

If you have questions about the scholarship application process, please contact khecht@frankenmuthcu.org

By submitting an online application to Frankenmuth Credit Union (FCU), I give permission to the FCU to check my high school records, to verify the information in the application, and, if chosen by the credit union, I grant FCU permission to reprint my essay and use my name and image for marketing materials such as social media posts and press releases. I also give permission to FCU to obtain a list of courses and grades to compute my grade point average. I acknowledge that all scholarships must be applied to tuition and fees for the current academic year or future academic years and cannot be used to reimburse expenses incurred in the previous years. I certify that all the information on the application is true, I am a member of FCU and understand that any false or misleading information will void this application.

Scholarship Requirements

Frankenmuth Credit Union (FCU) will award fifteen scholarships annually. Thirteen scholarships will be awarded to present-year high school graduates, while two additional scholarships will be open to both present-year high school graduates and students who graduated high school within the past five years - applying with a grade point average of 2.50 or higher. The applicant must be a member of FCU in good standing. If not a present member, he or she may join at the time of applying if they meet FCU's current field of membership requirements.

The selection will be based on achievements in two areas:

1. Extra-curricular activities – the participation in organizations, sports and activities in the school, community, church and other areas of service.
2. Written essay – the submission of an essay between 300 and 500 words on a topic chosen annually by the FCU Management Team. The essay will be judged on content, originality and writing ability.

*DO NOT include your name on your essay submission, in the body of your essay, or on your list of extra-curricular activities.

Both the applicants' extra-curricular activities and the essay will carry equal weight in the selection process. Grade point average is used solely as a qualification measure. All FCU scholarship awards are contingent upon the recipients attending an accredited college, university or trade school of continued learning toward a degree or certification. For college scholarship recipients: the amount of $1,500 will be awarded at the beginning of each academic year for four years. Following the initial award, subsequent installments will be disbursed after the student supplies a copy of their transcript from the previous year along with their class schedule for the upcoming semester to Frankenmuth Credit Union's Marketing and Community Development Coordinator. The recipients must remain FCU members while in school, maintain an average grade point of 2.50 or higher, and submit the documents stated above to continue receiving their yearly installments. For skilled trades scholarship recipients: Following the initial award of $1,500, the second and final installment of $1,500 will be disbursed the following calendar year after the student supplies the following documentation to Frankenmuth Credit Union's Marketing and Community Development Coordinator. One document from the following pick list: Proof of enrollment/registration (class schedule, official letter from the school/program), letter of acceptance from a trade school, technical college, or apprenticeship program, transcript or grade report (if already in the program), certificate of apprenticeship agreement (if applicable) **AND** one or more documents from the following pick list: Tuition or program fee invoices/receipts, exam or licensing test fee receipts (e.g., welding certification, HVAC licensing, journeyman exam), textbook receipts (specific to the trade), tool purchase receipts (toolkits, safety gear, trade-specific equipment required for class or work), uniform or protective gear receipts (steel-toe boots, welding masks, etc.). The recipients must remain FCU members while in school. Scholarship applicants are eligible to win only one of the FCU scholarships, and they can only receive one FCU scholarship during their college or trade school career.

The selection for winners of all fifteen FCU scholarships will be made by an independent committee. Final decisions over qualifications and interpretation of the rules will be made by the FCU Board of Directors.