

**Area Federal Credit Union Scholarship Application 2025**

Area Federal Credit Union (Area FCU) understands the importance of higher education. In order to encourage its pursuit, we will offer **five (5) $1,000** scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic school year to Area FCU members attending a two- or four-year post-secondary accredited college or university or a technical/vocational school.

**Who is Eligible?**

* Applicants must be a member of **Area Federal Credit Union** (Prior to 2025).
* Be the primary member on your account which is in good standing.
* Students must be planning to attend:
  + An accredited college or university or technical/vocational school in the fall upon high school graduation.
  + Be currently enrolled in an accredited college or university or technical/vocational school.
  + An accredited college or university or technical/vocational school.
* Students must be in good standing with the school in which they are enrolled or have recently graduated from and have a GPA greater than 2.5.

**How Are Recipients Selected?**

1. Recipients of an Area Federal Credit Union Scholarship are selected on a number of criteria, including:

* Personal Achievement
* Extracurricular Activities and Employment
* Credit Union Services
* Essay

1. Judging will be completed by impartial judges chosen by Area FCU. Judges decisions are final.

**Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution which the scholar is enrolled in.**

***Application deadline: Tuesday April 1, 2025***

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Credit Union Member**: Yes No

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**State** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Cell Phone**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**High School**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Graduation Date**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **HS** **Cumulative GPA**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Institution Planning to Attend:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Expected Field of Study/Declared Major**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Full-ride scholarship? Yes**\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_

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|  | 4 yr. College or University |  | 2 yr. Community or Junior College |  | Vocational/Technical School |

**What will your class status be in the fall of 2025?**

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|  | Freshman |  | Sophomore |  | Junior |  | Senior |

**How did you hear about the Area FCU Scholarship?** (Website, school, social media, other) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sworn Statement**

I declare the attached essay is my original work, and all other personal information is true. I understand all submitted materials become the property of Area FCU. I further understand any statements or comments found to be invalid will disqualify my application in the selection process. I agree to cooperate with Area FCU in promotional activities related to the scholarship competition and, should I be selected a recipient, give them permission to use my name and photo in promotional activities.

**Authority of Area FCU**

Area FCU has the authority to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness awarding the scholarships. Questions regarding the scholarship should be forwarded in writing to: Marketer, Area FCU, PO Box 1495, Aberdeen, SD 57402-1495 or emailed to leadership@areafcu.org.

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| **I certify that everything I have stated on this application and any attachment is true.** | |
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| *Applicant Signature* | *Date* |
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| **I give permission to release my full name to the media should I receive this scholarship.** | |
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| *Applicant Signature* | *Date* |
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| *Signature of Parent/Guardian (If under 18 years of age at time of application)* |  |

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**Please answer the following questions on a separate page. Please do not include your name on the separate page.**

1. **I am currently attending: High School / University / College / Junior College / Technical / Vocational**
2. **Personal Achievements:**
3. **Extracurricular Activities and Employment:**
4. **What Credit Union Services Do You Have:**

* **Share Account (Savings Account)**
* **Share Draft Account (Personal Checking Account)**
* **Certificate of Deposit (CD)**
* **Online Banking (It’s Me 247)**
* **Debit/ATM Card**
* **Loan Product(s)**

1. **Essay – 500 words or less:**

**Essays must be typed and grammatically correct. Please do not put your name on the essay page. Area Federal Credit Union is dedicated to helping members grow, please share:**

* **Tell us how you became a member with Area Federal Credit Union and why you like banking here?**
* **What is your career/future goals after college?**

**Application Deadline is Tuesday April 1, 2025!**

**Mail application to: Area Federal Credit Union**

**Attn: Scholarships**

**PO Box 1495**

**Aberdeen, SD 57402-1495**

***\*Must be post marked by Tuesday April 1, 2025.***

**Email application to:** [**leadership@areafcu.org**](mailto:leadership@areafcu.org)

**OR: Drop off in a sealed envelope at Area FCU - Attn: Scholarships**