



2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



BLACKHAWK
COMMUNITY
CREDIT UNION

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

We appreciate your interest in the 2025 Blackhawk Community Credit Union Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Program is a long-standing BHCCU tradition to help students with the increasing costs of higher education. We believe that anyone who wants a higher education should be able to achieve that dream.

Our Scholarship Program is just one way that BHCCU fulfills its mission of community service. We are awarding a total of four \$5,000 scholarships this year.

To be considered for one of the scholarships, please follow the application requirements and upload all of the materials to our website by March 19, 2025. Scholarship winners will be notified in May with a letter of congratulations and certificate of achievement. They will also be published in our marketing materials and on our website.

All of us at BHCCU wish you the best in your pursuit of a college education. We look forward to reviewing your scholarship application and your 3-minute or less video about your community. Please contact us with questions at 800-779-5555, scholarship@bhccu.org, or stop in any of our branches.

Sincerely,



Lisa Palma

President & CEO
Blackhawk Community Credit Union



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APPLICATION



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PROGRAM PROCEDURES

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Applicant must be a primary member (first owner named on the account) in good standing with Blackhawk Community Credit Union.
- Applicant must be a 2025 graduating senior from a high school or home school from within the communities we serve.
- Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited public or private college, community college or technical college. Awards will not be disbursed until the student is accepted and enrolled in an accredited institution.
- Previous winners are not eligible for the BHCCU Scholarship Program.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

All submitted files, including application, transcript, and video should be titled with the applicant's name.

- Applicant must submit:
 - Completed application including a listing of all extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, hobbies, etc.), volunteer activities and community involvement (personal, school, church, etc.), leadership experiences, work experiences, awards and honors, and other relevant personal information.
 - High school transcript with GPA from the end of the most recent school year. Transcripts may be mailed separately as long as they are postmarked by March 19, 2025 to qualify.

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- A video, 3 minutes or less, answering the question: "What does community mean to you?" Your video should begin with a clear introduction stating your name.

All application materials must be uploaded by 5 pm on March 19, 2025 to www.bhccu.org. Application materials can be uploaded by scrolling to the bottom of the homepage and clicking on the **"secure file upload"** link. Fill out the secure upload form and attach your application materials. Late and incomplete entries will not be accepted.

- BHCCU has the right to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness in the awarding of the scholarships.

ADMINISTRATIVE/AWARD PROCEDURES:

- Scholarship funds will be paid only to the school's business office. Funds are to be used in the 2025-26 school year for tuition or books. Any funds not used for these purposes will be forfeited. In January of each year, BHCCU is required to file form 1099 with the IRS, which reports amounts paid to reduce student loans during the previous year. The student will be mailed a copy of Form 1099 and may be required to report on a tax return any scholarship winnings applied to student loans. We recommend that the student consult a tax advisor.

JUDGING:

- Judging will be completed by a panel of impartial judges. All decisions are final.
- Consideration will be viewed in scholastic standing, personal video, volunteering, awards, work/life balance and extracurricular activities.
- The video will be evaluated on the following:
Content Creativity/Originality Community Appreciation
- All scholarship applications become the property of Blackhawk Community Credit Union and may be published.



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Blackhawk Community Credit Union is committed to the higher education goals of the credit union's youth members. We are awarding four scholarships of \$5,000 each for the 2025-26 school year.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Member #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Parent Name: _____

How Did You Hear About the Scholarship? (Check one or more)

- Word of Mouth
- BHCCU Website
- School Guidance Counselor
- Teacher
- BHCCU Member
- BHCCU Board Member
- BHCCU Employee
- In a BHCCU Branch
- Other: _____

EDUCATION:

Name of high school: _____ GPA: _____

List the colleges or universities applicant is applying to:

School 1: _____ Planned Major: _____

School 2: _____ Planned Major: _____

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

Please list any volunteer activities:

AWARDS:

Please list any awards you have received:

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Please list any extracurricular activities:

WORK/LIFE/COMMUNITY BALANCE:

Please describe how you balance your work and life:

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I swear that the attached video is my original work, and all the personal information is true and correct. I understand that all submitted material becomes the property of Blackhawk Community Credit Union for promotional activities related to the scholarship competition, and should I be selected as a recipient, I give them permission to use my name and photo for promotional activities.

X

Signature

Date