



# 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## Qualifications

- Be a member of CSCU with accounts in good standing
- Provide a transcript (high school or college) with GPA
- Provide Proof of Enrollment to qualifying school
- Provide a 500-word essay answering the prompt below
- Submit by 2/28/26



## Essay Topic

### **"Debt, College, and the Credit Union Difference"**

As you prepare for college, taking on debt (like student loans) might be part of your future. In your essay, reflect on:

1. What does taking on debt mean to you personally?
2. How do you plan to manage your finances during and after college?
3. What makes credit unions different from banks, and how could a credit union help you make smarter financial choices?
4. Share any personal experiences, family lessons, or community insights that have shaped how you think about borrowing and managing money.



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