



First U.S. 2024 Scholarship Guidelines

The following guidelines will apply to the application and awarding of one (1) \$2,500, two (2) \$1,000, and one (1) \$500 scholarships for current high school students bound for college in the fall of 2024 or for students currently enrolled at a college, university or career college who will continue to be enrolled in the fall of 2024.

Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must:

1. Be a First U.S. member, or dependent of a member* in good standing.
2. Be a graduating high school student or continuing college student.
3. Maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 (on 4.0 scale).

Application Requirements

1. A completed Scholarship Application.
2. A personal statement essay answering the following questions: (750 words or less).
 - a. What life experiences or achievements have helped you get to this point in life?
 - b. What are your extra-curricular activities? What types of leadership positions have you held?
 - c. What is your intended academic curriculum?
 - d. How will you maximize the opportunities of higher education?
 - e. How will you apply what you have learned to your post-college plans and aspirations?
3. An un-opened, certified transcript.

Award Criteria

1. **Acceptance into a community college, career college or four-year college or university for the 2024-2025 academic year**
2. **Full-time enrollment of 12 or more credits or units**
3. **Applications will be reviewed by a committee and the scholarships will be awarded based on these categories:**
 - A. **GPA**
 - B. **Essay content**
 - C. **Financial need (see application)**

Timelines

1. Scholarship Applications will be available at any First U.S. Branch location or at firstus.org.
2. Completed applications must be received at the credit union by close of business on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

DEADLINE: Must be received by July 31, 2024

*Student or parent/guardian must be a First U.S. member as of March 31, 2024. Student recipients who are not already First U.S. members must open a First U.S. membership as the primary account holder before the scholarship funds are disbursed.



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First U.S. Scholarship Application

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Applications must be received at First U.S. Community Credit Union by Wednesday, July 31, 2024. You or your parent/guardian must be a member of First U.S. as of March 31, 2024 and a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled college student in the 2024-2025 school year. Applications will not be returned and will become the property of First U.S. First U.S. officers, employees and their families are not eligible. The winning entries will be chosen at the discretion of First U.S. staff. Illegible entries may be disqualified. Winners will be notified by mail or phone and agree to have their names and photos published in First U.S. promotional materials.

Please attach the following to this application:

1. A personal statement essay (in 750 words or less) answering the following questions:
 - a. What life experiences or achievements have helped you get to this point in life?
 - b. What are your extra-curricular activities? What types of leadership positions have you held?
 - c. What is your intended academic curriculum?
 - d. How will you maximize the opportunities of higher education?
 - e. How will you apply what you have learned to your post-college plans and aspirations?
2. An un-opened, certified transcript.

Where to mail your application:

First U.S. Community Credit Union, Student Scholarships, 580 University Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825

Where to personally deliver your application:

Any branch of First U.S. Community Credit Union

Auburn

424 Grass Valley Highway
Auburn, CA 95603

Gold River

11220 Gold Express Dr., #405
Gold River, CA 95670

Grass Valley

2100 Nevada City Highway
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Sacramento – Arden/Arcade

2150 Watt Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95825

Rocklin

6843 Lonetree Blvd., Suite 101
Rocklin, CA 95765

Sacramento – Campus Commons

Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95825



Please initial here.

I understand that I or my parent/guardian must be a First U.S. member as of March 31, 2024, and that if I am not a member, I must open a First U.S. membership as the primary account holder before scholarship funds are disbursed.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Scholarship Guidelines – First U.S. Community Credit Union

Applicant's name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): _____

Telephone: _____ First U.S. Account #: _____

Parent's or guardian's name (if under 18): _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): _____

Email address: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

GPA: _____ Are you currently enrolled in advanced placement classes? YES NO If **yes**, please list weighted GPA: _____

High school (if currently attending): _____ Anticipated Graduation date: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): _____

Current (or planned) college or university name: _____ Anticipated major: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): _____

FINANCIAL NEED

Please rate your financial need on a scale of one to ten. **(1)** Meaning that a First U.S. scholarship would provide additional funds to an already funded college education. **(10)** Would mean that your college plan will be entirely funded by working while attending school, loans, and scholarships.

(Please circle one): **1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**