2026 GECU Scholarship Application

The GECU scholarship program is open to any member wishing to further their education during the 2026/2027 academic year at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school. Two- $1,500 scholarships will be awarded.

Eligibility:

- Be a member in good standing at GECU. If you are not a member, you are welcome to join if you meet membership requirements.
- Be a graduating High School senior, or current college student that will be attending an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school in the 2026-2027 academic year.

Requirements:
- High School (and college, if applicable) transcripts.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Completed application.

ALL paperwork must be received no later than April 1, 2026. They may be dropped off or mailed into the Credit Union: GECU 2300 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last name: _____ First name: _____ Middle initial: _____

Account number: _____ Birth date: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State:_____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Parent(s) name:_____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School: _____ Graduation date: _____ GPA: _____

Name of accredited post-secondary school you are or plan to attend: _____

2 yr Community College/Junior College   4 yr College/University   Vocational/Technical School

City: _____ State: _____ Anticipated annual cost: _____

Major area(s) of study:_____

HONORS AND AWARDS

List and describe any honors or awards and the year(s) received.

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ACTIVITIES INFORMATION

List and describe your participation in extracurricular activities (school, community, work). You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.

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ESSAY

Please attach a separate sheet (no more than one page typed) and write about the following: Credit Unions have a philosophy of "People Helping People". What are your goals in receiving higher education and how will your goals affect positive change in peoples' lives?

RECOMMENDATIONS

Your application must include 2 references from persons not related to you. We prefer that one by a teach or counselor at your school. The forms attached must be used.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application form
- Completed essay
- High School and/or college transcripts
- 2 letters of recommendation

SIGNATURE

I, the applicant, certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature   Date

LETTER OF REFERENCE FORM #1

On behalf of this applicant, you are being asked to submit a letter of reference for the GECU Scholarship Program. Please this form as a guide, or simply answer the questions along with any additional comments.

This letter of recommendation must be returned or postmarked no later than April 1, 2026. Mail to: GECU– 2300 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201 OR you may email a scanned copy to kelly@gaselectriccu.com.

Name of scholarship applicant:

How long and in what respect have you known the applicant?

How would you rate the applicant's dependability and desire in reaching goals?

What characteristics do you consider to be their greatest attributes?

Any additional comments:

Reference Name: _____

Occupation:_____

Phone:_____

Signature:_____

Date:_____

LETTER OF REFERENCE FORM #2

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Signature:_____

Date:_____