



# 2024 Scholarships

Beacon Credit Union is delighted to offer an opportunity to assist our high school members in their education. Any graduating high school member or child of a member interested in seeking higher education who meets the eligibility requirements may apply. Six high school graduates will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to use for their higher education costs.

**Purpose:**

To help ease the financial burden of continuing education for our members.

**Amount:**

Six scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$2,500 each.

**Eligibility:**

ANY Beacon Credit Union graduating high school member or child of a member, in good standing six (6) months or more before the application deadline, who is seeking higher education may apply. Applicants must have a 2.5 grade point average, meet the eligibility requirement to be a member of Beacon Credit Union, and be graduating from a high school (or approved home school) located in the Beacon Credit Union membership area.

**Schools:**

Each Scholarship winner must provide evidence of his/her acceptance to an accredited University, College, or certified technical/vocational school before funds will be disbursed.

**Application:**

Please complete and submit the application form and documents online or by mail by the deadline below to:

Beacon Credit Union  
Attention: Beacon Scholarships - Marketing Department  
PO Box 4319, Lynchburg, VA 24502

Or visit [www.mybcu.org/beacon-scholarships](http://www.mybcu.org/beacon-scholarships) to submit your application online.

**Essays:**

An essay is required with your Scholarship application. See the Scholarship page titled "Essay Options."

**Deadline:**

All applications and supporting documents must be postmarked by Friday, April 5th, 2024.

**Judges & Awards:**

The Scholarship Committee will appoint and/or serve as judges for scholarship awards. Recipients are selected based on individual qualifications and school records. The decisions of the judges are final.

**Notification of Winners:**

Scholarship recipients will be notified of the judge's decisions by April 26th, 2024. In the correspondence, you will be informed of the date and location of the Annual Meeting, where the scholarship will be awarded. Scholarship funds will be available to assist with the Fall 2024 semester tuition and related school expenses.



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## REGULATIONS

1. Award money must be used for University, College, or Technical/Vocational school tuition and related school expenses.
2. Recipients may accept other college scholarship assistance in addition to this award.
3. The Scholarship award must be used in the fall semester of the year in which the award is given unless the recipient experiences an extenuating circumstance, such as illness or injury. The student must report the circumstance to the credit union, who will have to approve an abeyance of the funds. The Scholarship will be held in abeyance for up to one year if illness or injury is involved.
4. If, for any reason, the recipient discontinues studies, the student must notify Beacon Credit Union within ten days. At such time, eligibility for receiving the scholarship funds will be determined by the Scholarship Committee. Additionally, the recipient may be held responsible for refunding any Scholarship money lost due to class withdrawal or an incomplete school year.
5. If the recipient does not attend school within a month following the award date, the Scholarship will be withdrawn and awarded to an alternate applicant.
6. The scholarship recipient must provide Beacon Credit Union with a copy of the tuition bill for the scholarship funds to be disbursed to the school.
7. All information submitted remains strictly confidential and property of Beacon Credit Union.
8. Applicants' names will not be revealed to the judges during their review of the applications.



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## APPLICATION FORM

(Please Print Clearly. Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary)

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SS#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information in this application and all accompanying documents are true and correct. I also certify that I personally answered all questions and wrote the essay relating to this scholarship application. I understand that if, for any reason, I discontinue my studies, I must notify Beacon Credit Union within ten days. At such time, my eligibility for receiving the scholarship funds will be determined by the Beacon Credit Union Scholarship Committee. Additionally, I may be held responsible for refunding any Scholarship monies lost due to my class withdrawal or an incomplete school year. I agree that Beacon Credit Union may use my name and photograph for publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION:  
(Applications missing any of the below items may not be considered for review.)

1. Copy of the applicant's most recent high school transcripts.  
(be sure to consider the delivery time when sent from guidance counselors through the mail).
2. List of universities, colleges, or technical/vocational schools applicant is applying to.
3. List of 3 references with contact information.
4. Essay: See the Essay Instruction page of the Scholarship packet.



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What will your undergraduate major(s) be? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your cumulative GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose your major?

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List any school activities, athletics or school related club memberships that you have participated in.

<i>Activity/ Athletic or Club Type</i>	<i>Grade</i>

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List any honors, awards, scholarships or grants you have received.

<i>Honor/ Award/ Scholarship Type</i>	<i>Grade</i>

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List any community service and/or volunteer positions you're a part of currently.

<i>Community Service/ Volunteer Type</i>	<i>Grade</i>

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Please provide any additional comments you feel the judges may consider when reviewing your application.

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## ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

Choose **one** essay topic from the options below.

1. Aliens are taking over the planet, and the only way to reason with them is to hand them one book and ask them to read it. Which would you choose and why?
  2. What if you could send one item or message to Mars that shares who we are as a society? What item would you choose and why?
  3. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others?
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Applicants may submit an essay in **one** of the following formats:

- Creative Writing
- Video
- Artwork
- Photography

Each format requirement is listed below. Only **one** submission type will be accepted per application.

*Please include which essay topic from the above options you are fulfilling when submitting your material.*

### **Creative Writing Essay**

Write a 400-word or less essay answering one of the essay topics above. For printed applications, include your essay in your mailed packet. For online applications, a space will be provided to type or paste your essay.

### **Video Essay**

A three-minute or less video answering one of the essay topics from above.

Supply a YouTube or Vimeo link to this address: [www.mybcu.org/scholarship\\_digital\\_essay\\_uploads](http://www.mybcu.org/scholarship_digital_essay_uploads)

### **Artwork Essay**

One PDF or JPG document that answers one of the essay topics from above.

Upload your submission to this address: [www.mybcu.org/scholarship\\_digital\\_essay\\_uploads](http://www.mybcu.org/scholarship_digital_essay_uploads)

### **Photography Essay**

Provide a single photo or series that may contain up to three photos that answers one of the essay topics from above.

Upload your submission to this address: [www.mybcu.org/scholarship\\_digital\\_essay\\_uploads](http://www.mybcu.org/scholarship_digital_essay_uploads)



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## SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE INFORMATION FORM

Please save this form. If you are a Beacon Scholarship recipient, Beacon will request this form for additional information regarding the school you will attend.

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Recipient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_