

Nebraska Energy Federal Credit Union, (NEFCU) will award twenty-one (21) \$1,000 scholarships to NEFCU members who plan to attend an accredited university, college, junior college, vocational, technical or business school in Nebraska in 2026.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicants must have an established membership with the credit union. **The account must be in their name and under their social security number.**
2. Members must be in good standing.
3. Previous recipients of the NEFCU scholarship are ineligible for future scholarship awards.
4. Immediate family members of NEFCU staff and volunteers are not eligible. Immediate family includes spouse, children, stepchildren, brothers, sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, parents, stepparents, stepsiblings, adoptions.

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS** (Please submit **ONLY** the information requested)

1. Application must be **completed, signed, and submitted using this form ONLY.**
2. Applicants must provide official transcript reflecting a "C" average or higher through the end of the most recent semester.
3. One application per member.
4. Applicants must submit a typed personal essay as described within the application (maximum 600 words).

### **JUDGING**

1. Judging is completed by a panel of impartial professionals in post-secondary education who are not associated with the NEFCU Board, Management or Staff. Applications are submitted by number and judged anonymously.
2. Points will be awarded in each of the following areas:
  - Extracurricular Activities and Employment - 25 points
  - Personal Achievement – 25 points
  - Personal Essay - 50 points
  - Credit Union Service Usage – 20 points for each service used:  
*Services include Savings, Share Certificate, Checking, Loans, Credit Card, Debit Card*
3. **Application must be received by the credit union no later than January 31, 2026.**
4. Application can be:
  - Dropped off at the credit union
  - Faxed to 402-563-5469
  - Emailed to [info@ne-fcu.org](mailto:info@ne-fcu.org)
  - Mailed to: (please allow for mail time).  
Nebraska Energy Federal Credit Union Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 499  
Columbus, NE, 68602-0499
5. **Winners will be notified via email and listed on the NEFCU website by April 17, 2026.**
6. All scholarship applications become the exclusive property of NEFCU.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE/AWARD PROCEDURES**

1. Winners must begin studies within 12 months of the date of written notification of the scholarship award.
2. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution and the recipient.

### **AUTHORITY OF NEFCU**

NEFCU has the authority to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness awarding the scholarships.



Nebraska Energy  
Federal Credit Union  
2026 Scholarship  
Application

(Credit Union use only) Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

## NEBRASKA ENERGY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Union Acct #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

### SWORN STATEMENT

I declare the attached essay is my original work and all other personal information is true. I understand all submitted material becomes the property of Nebraska Energy Federal Credit Union. I further understand any statements or comments found to be invalid will disqualify my application in the selection process. I agree to cooperate with Nebraska Energy Federal Credit Union in promotional activities related to the scholarship competition and, should I be selected a recipient, give them permission to use my name and photo in promotional activities.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that should I be awarded a scholarship, it will be my responsibility to notify my school representative in order to receive recognition for the scholarship award.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand judging of this scholarship application is completed by post-secondary professionals not associated with the credit union. Applications are submitted by number and judged anonymously. The credit union has no influence on the application selected for the scholarship award. I understand and accept that the decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to review.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE: Nebraska Energy Federal Credit Union will not be responsible for applications lost in the mail or applications blocked if sent by email.

1. I am currently attending:

\_\_\_\_\_ High School

\_\_\_\_\_ University, College, Junior College, Vocational, or Business School

2. Special achievements:

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3. List of any Professional or School Organizations Memberships and Offices held:

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4. List of Community Activities, Volunteer Activities, and Employment:

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5. Provide a statement of educational and career goals, including the intended area of study:

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6. **ESSAY:** Please complete on a separate piece of paper and submit with this form. Essay must be typed and double spaced with 600 words or less. The font size must be no larger than 12 pt font. You must submit your essay in either a PDF (pdf) or Microsoft Word (doc) file format. All other file format types will not be accepted.

Essay topic:

***If you could give one piece of financial advice to someone your age, what would it be and why?***

7. Application check list. Please make sure you have included each of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Signed application-

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of most recent transcript-

\_\_\_\_\_ Essay on separate sheet-