

## Scholarship Application Guidelines 2024-2025 Academic Year

County Federal is excited to announce that we're now accepting Educational Scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 academic year. Applicants must be a member in good standing with Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union. If you're not a member, contact us and we can help you.

We will be awarding educational scholarships ranging from \$1000 to \$2,000 to graduating high school seniors and post-secondary students enrolled in an accredited university or community/technical college on a full and part-time basis (minimum of 6 units). Scholarships will be payable in one installment directly to your educational institution in August prior to the Fall 2024 semester.

Graduate School students or past Scholarship recipients are not eligible for this program. Employees, former employees, directors and officers of County Federal and their immediate family are not eligible to participate in the scholarship program.

## Scholarship Guidelines

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or post-secondary student ages 17 to 25.
- Applicant must be in good standing with their high school/college, may not be on disciplinary or academic probation, have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Applicant agrees to provide a current photo to be used in County Federal's media, marketing and other promotional materials.

Applicants need to submit the below items to the **Application Portal**:

- Completed application form
- Post Secondary Goal Statement
- Essay Response
- Official Transcript: Current Transcript (High School or current Undergraduate)
- Current Photo (Headshot preferred)
- Signed Photo Release (electronically signed by individual or parent/guardian if under 18)

Award Criteria: Judging will be based on both subjective and weighted, objective criteria.

- Personal Achievements 10 pts
  - o School activities, extracurriculars and athletics
  - Community service/ volunteer work and work experience
- G.P.A. 10 pts
- Goal Statement 15 pts
- Essay
  - o Response 60pts
  - Writing Skills 5 pts

Complete applications must be received by April 22, 2024. Scholarship recipients will be notified by June 14, 2024. Scholarship recipients must provide a Letter of Acceptance or Verification of Enrollment by August 30, 2024. Awards will be forfeited if we do not receive these materials by the said deadline. The decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final.