

**CUES Michigan Council  
College Scholarship Application**



**Guidelines**

- CUES Michigan Council scholarships of \$1,000 and *The Dorothy Nouhan Humanitarian Award* of \$1,500 are awarded to:
  1. The child or grandchild of an employee or official family member of a Michigan Council member's credit union; or an employee or employee's spouse of a Michigan Council member's credit union.
  2. Council Directors and their families may not receive a scholarship award.
- Applications are evaluated with equal emphasis on academic achievement, community service, and essay content.
- Applicants must be full-time high school or college students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Awards are payable to the student.
- The applicant must be a credit union member.

**Application Materials**

1. Completed and signed scholarship application.
2. Official relevant transcript (high school if senior in high school or college if currently attending college). **MUST USE A 4.0 SCALE FOR GRADE POINT AVERAGE. PLEASE TRANSLATE TO 4.0 SCALE IF DIFFERENT.**
3. If current high school senior, letter of acceptance from an accredited college or university (otherwise college transcript will suffice).
4. Completed form (see attached) to demonstrate participation in activities during current school year that are of benefit to others. Attach supporting documentation as appropriate.
5. Proof of credit union membership.
6. Typed essay (300-500 words only) addressing one of the following themes:
  - "How can credit unions become more relevant in the eyes of the younger generation, such as yourself?"
  - "If you could create one product or service to serve the underserved or unbanked, what would it be and why?"**PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY. We will number them for confidentiality.**

**Scholarship Application Deadline**

**Application materials must be received no later than July 15 to be considered.**

Send materials to:

CUES Michigan Council Scholarship Committee, C/O Dan Davidson -- Chairman  
Alliance Catholic Credit Union, 26913 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 520, Southfield, MI 48033,  
ddavidson@allianceccu.com

**Applicant Information**

\_\_\_\_\_ **M** \_\_\_\_\_ **F** (please ck one)

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Soc.Sec.No. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Union

If applicant is the child or grandchild of an employee or official family member of a Michigan Council member's credit union: **Circle one:** child grandchild

Name of parent or grandparent \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or grandparent's credit union \_\_\_\_\_

If applicant is an employee or employee's spouse of a Michigan Council member's credit union:

**Check one:**  employee  employee's spouse Credit Union Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application, I give CUES Michigan Council permission to use my likeness (photograph) in promotional materials.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- *The guidelines state that the scholarships are awarded to “the child or grandchild of an employee or official family member”. What constitutes “official family”? Does this mean a member’s child can apply?*

Official Family means an official credit union volunteer, like a board of director, supervisory committee member or credit committee member. Member’s children are not eligible for this scholarship.

- *Does the applicant have to be a member of the employee’s credit union? Or can they be a member of any CUES-Michigan credit union?*

As long as the applicant can verify that they are a member of a CUES-Michigan credit union, they qualify. The applicant’s credit union name would go under the applicant section while the employee’s credit union name would be listed under the employee section at the bottom of the form.

- *What constitutes a “Michigan Council member credit union”?*

A credit union must have at least one paid-in-full CUES member to qualify as a Michigan Council member credit union. Check with your accounts payable department for this information.

- *Are employees eligible to apply for the scholarship?*

Yes. Michigan Council member credit union employees are eligible to apply for the scholarship as long as they can verify that they are a full time student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- *What is considered full time for graduate students? Is it any different than for undergraduate students?*

Full time is determined by the college or university that the student is attending. A document from that school is required to verify the student’s status as full time.

- *Can someone who is not currently a student but would like to go back to college apply?*

As long as the student can get an official document from the school that verifies their full time status in the fall, they are eligible to apply.

- *What will suffice as “Proof of membership” as required by the application?*

A copy of your credit union membership card or debit card will be accepted as well as a copy of the first page of a credit union statement. Feel free to redact the document to eliminate personal information before sending it.