



2026 Scholarship Informational Sheet

Thank you for your interest in TopLine Credit Union Foundation's 2026 Scholarship Program.

Who's eligible?

The TopLine Credit Union Foundation Scholarship Program is open to all members in good standing at TopLine Financial Credit Union.

Who qualifies?

1. Any individual planning to pursue or continue post-secondary education by attending a college or university, graduate school, or a 2 to 4 year community, vocational or technical college in fall 2026 is eligible. All eligible schools must be accredited by the U. S. Department of Education.
 - a. Traditional (high school students who will be attending first year of post-secondary)
 - b. Non-Traditional (those currently attending post secondary, returning to school, or in graduate school)
 - c. TopLine Employee (must be a current employee of TopLine when scholarship is awarded in October)
 - d. Financial Need (annual household income less than \$35,000 or annual individual income less than \$15,000)
2. Must be enrolled in at least one course at accredited school during the application time frame.

How many scholarships are being given out and what are the dollar amounts?

TopLine Credit Union Foundation will be awarding 47 scholarships for a total of up to \$47,500 in 2026.

- 20 Traditional Scholarships: (20) \$1,000
- 20 Non-Traditional Scholarships: (20) \$1,000
- 3 TopLine Employee Scholarships: (3) \$1,000
- 3 Financial Need Scholarships: (3) \$1,000
- 1 African Education Health Initiative (AFEDHI): (1) \$1,500

What is the application time frame?

- Application period: July 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026
- Scholarship review period by TopLine Credit Union Foundation Board: September 1 – 30, 2026
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by October 17, 2026
- Applicants not selected will not be notified.

How to apply?

To apply, complete an online or paper one-page application form and 500 words or less essay answering the following question: "Describe a moment when you had to make a decision that went against what others expected of you."

- Mail: TopLine Credit Union Foundation, 9353 Jefferson Hwy, Maple Grove, MN 55369
- Online: www.TopLinecu.com/scholarship
- Email: Foundation@TopLinecu.com

Essays must be typed. Handwritten essays will not be considered. Transcripts and letters of recommendation will not be considered. Application materials will not be returned and become the property of TopLine Credit Union Foundation.

Applications must be completed and postmarked or submitted electronically by midnight on August 31, 2026.

Disbursement of Funds & Accountability

- The recipient is responsible for providing TopLine Credit Union Foundation with 2026 fall transcript, showing the official grades to receive scholarship payment after fall 2026 semester.
- Recipients must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 on a 4.0 GPA scale, or equivalent of a "C" average in order to receive funds.
- Must be redeemed from TopLine Credit Union Foundation by March 31, 2027.

Scholarship Application Form

Are you a member of TopLine Financial Credit Union? Yes _____ No _____
(You must be a member of TopLine Financial Credit Union to be eligible.)

Please check one.

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Name _____
First Middle Initial Last

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of High School (if applicable) _____

Name of Post-Secondary School _____

Year in School (Fall 2026) _____

Major/Minor _____

By submitting my application I grant permission to TopLine Credit Union Foundation to use my name, picture, essay and/or quote in electronic or print publications and/or for future promotional purposes.

Board members and immediate family members of TopLine Credit Union Foundation are not eligible to enter. Transcripts and letters of recommendation sent with the application will not be considered.

TopLine Credit Union Foundation expands community outreach activities by providing financial education and counseling for members of all ages, awarding scholarships, contributing to community charitable organizations and sponsoring other community give-back efforts.

TopLine Credit Union Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible, to the extent allowed by law.

Federal Tax ID # is 46-4335752. For more information or to make a tax deductible donation, please call 736-391-9494, email Foundation@TopLinecu.com or visit www.TopLinecu.com/foundation.

Scholarship Essay Question

“Describe a moment when you had to make a decision that went against what others expected of you.”
(500 words or less)

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