



2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Communities of Abilene Federal Credit Union is pleased to announce its Annual Scholarship Program for graduating high school seniors from the Class of 2026. The deserving scholarship recipients will be an incoming University, Community College, or Trade School student for the 2026 academic year.

Two Scholarships for \$500 will be awarded.

Communities of Abilene Federal Credit Union strive to be a leader in the community and believe we have a great opportunity to help our youth in their pursuit of higher education. Beyond an opportunity, we view it as a social responsibility to reach out to the communities that we serve.

To be considered, applicants must meet the eligibility criteria below:

- Be a member of the credit union in good standing for 60 days.
- COAFCU staff, officials, or family members are not eligible
- Graduate of the Class of 2026 residing in Taylor, Runnels, Coke, Coleman, Eastland, Callahan, Shackelford, Jones, Fisher, or Nolan Counties
- Incoming college freshman at a two or four-year institution of higher learning, or certified trade school
- To receive the full \$500 Scholarship, student must be enrolled full time/minimum of 12 credit hours.
- Selection Committee reserves the right to provide partial scholarships of \$250 to deserving applicants attending part time, at least 6 but less than 12 credit hours.

Requirements

Scholarships will be awarded to the highest scoring applicants based on the following:

- **25%** - Academic Performance
- **25%** - Essay
- **25%** - Extracurricular Activities
- **25%** - Community Involvement

Applications must be received in person or postmarked no later than **July 1st, 2026** to remain eligible for consideration. Please drop off or mail your complete application to:

Communities of Abilene Federal Credit Union

Scholarship Committee

3661 North 6th Street Abilene, Texas

79603-5644

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student's Name _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex: M _____ F _____

Address City State Zip Code _____

Phone # Alternate Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Father/Guardian Name _____ Mother/Guardian Name _____

High School Attended _____ GPA _____

High School Counselor Phone # _____

College or University you plan to attend, Field of Study _____

SUMMARIES

Please provide responses to the following on a separate sheet of paper. Answers must be typed in 12 pt. font and double spaced.

A. SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP: Please provide a summary of student activities or functions that you have participated in during your time in high school. Special attention should be given to those activities which have helped you in developing your leadership, citizenship, and personal/interpersonal skills. Please provide specifics on any leadership roles that you have held in clubs or organizations which demonstrate your initiative and positive contributions.

B. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP: Please provide a summary of any community related activities that you have been involved with that are not related to school functions. Examples include your church, youth sports organizations, community service initiatives, mentoring programs or any other similar type of program or activity. Please provide specifics on any leadership roles that you have held in these organizations which demonstrate your initiative and positive contributions.

C. ESSAY

Please answer the following questions and limit your response to 500 words or less:

As you prepare for your transition to college, what do you feel has best prepared you for the challenges that lie ahead for you? What steps, if any, have you taken during high school to improve your knowledge of financial literacy and to avoid the pitfalls that may arise as you enter the so called "real world?"

D. TRANSCRIPT

Please attach a copy of your high school transcript to your application.

Applications without a high school transcript attached will not be considered.

I certify all information provided on this application and attachments are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I authorize the Communities of Abilene Federal Credit Union Scholarship Committee to verify the information.

Applicant

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent

Signature _____ **Date** _____

(If applicant is under 18 years old)

Thank you for applying for a Communities of Abilene Federal Credit Union scholarship. All applications must be received no later than July 1, 2026. We will notify those who receive a scholarship by letter on August 1, 2026.

NOTE: Scholarship proceeds will be mailed directly to the registrar of the attending institution.