



PIONEER VALLEY CHAPTER

OF THE COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION

2025 CREDIT UNION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

DUE DATE MARCH 7, 2025

The Pioneer Valley Chapter's Scholarship Committee will be awarding **eight (8) \$2,000** Chapter Scholarships. Information regarding eligibility for these scholarships is listed below.

1. Eligibility is limited to high school seniors who will be enrolled in an undergraduate college degree program during the 2024-2025 academic years.
2. Applicant or parent/guardian must be a member of UMassFive College Credit Union.
3. The credit union must be a member in good standing with the Pioneer Valley Chapter.
4. Each applicant must complete a current 2025 Scholarship Application form and submit it with the other required material **to UMassFive College Credit Union.**
5. Each credit union will then select its top 2 applications and forward them to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. UMassFive will verify that each applicant and/or parent/guardian is a credit union member.

The Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship winners evaluating each applicant on the following criteria: academic achievement, extracurricular/community activities and essay.

Students **must** submit the following items with their completed applications. **All items requested must be received in order for the application to qualify for consideration.**

1. Completed application.
2. List of extracurricular school activities and community service.
3. Students must submit a typewritten essay in 500 words or less on the following topic:
"How has a failure or setback in your life shaped who you are today?"
4. An official high school academic transcript of grades, **including** midyear/first semester senior grades, completed by their counselor.
5. If taken, standardized (SAT, ACT or both) testing scores (either on official high school transcript or a copy from a testing agency).

Complete applications must be received or postmarked by March 7, 2025. Applications may be dropped off to a UMassFive branch, emailed to scholarship@umassfive.coop, or mailed to: UMassFive College FCU Attn: Cait Murray PO Box 1060 Hadley, MA 01035.

For questions, please email scholarship@umassfive.coop.