



PIONEER VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Due Date: March 6, 2026

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 2026-2027 academic years.
2. Applicant or parent/guardian must be a member of UMassFive College Credit Union.
3. Each applicant must complete a current 2026 Scholarship Application form and submit it with the other required material to UMassFive College Credit Union.
4. Each credit union will then select its top 2 applications and forward them to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee. The sponsoring Credit Union 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 can technology improve financial services for young people while maintaining the personal relationships that credit unions value?
4. An official high school academic transcript of grades, including midyear/first semester senior grades, completed by their counselor. Transcript can be emailed directly by guidance counselor.
5. If taken, proof of standardized test scores (SAT, ACT or both) on high school transcript or a copy of results from test agency.

Complete applications must be received or postmarked by March 6, 2026.

Application documents should be scanned and emailed to scholarship@umassfive.coop.

If scanning is not an option, materials may be dropped off to a UMassFive branch or mailed to:

UMassFive College FCU

Attn: Cait Murray

PO Box 1060

Hadley, MA 01035

For questions, please email scholarship@umassfive.coop.