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2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Getting ready for college is an exciting time for so many high school students yet navigating how to pay for tuition can be overwhelming.

State CS Employees would like to assist by awarding three (3) scholarships to members who are attending an accredited educational institution for the first time, in the fall of 2026.

To be eligible, the applicant must:

- Be a member at the time of application (if you are not, ask us how to become a member!)
- Be a high-school senior/GED
- Plan on continuing their education at one of the following:
 - o 2- or 4-year accredited educational institution
 - o Technical/Vocational school
- Submit the following:
 - o Complete the included application
 - o A copy of your academic transcript
 - o One letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or employer
 - o 250-word essay
 - o A detailed list of extracurricular/community and/or volunteer activities.

At State CS, we are continuously looking to develop ourselves as well as each other in order to enrich our credit union members.

For the essay portion, in 250 words, answer **one** of the following;

- How has a financial lesson - learned at home, school, work, or in your community - shaped the way you think about money and your future? How will that lesson influence your goals after high school?
- Describe a challenge you have faced in high school and how you worked to overcome it. What did this experience teach you about perseverance, responsibility, or leadership?
- What actions do you regularly take to inspire others or make a difference in your school, family, or community? Why are these actions meaningful to you?

Submit your application and requested information by no later than April 6, 2026.

Applications may be submitted to either office, or via email to info@statecs.org.

Save the date: Winners will be announced at our Annual Dinner, April 18, 2026.

For any questions, please call us at 315-785-2400.



STATE CS EMPLOYEES FCU 2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Reminder: Please submit the following information to your State CS Employees FCU.

- 1) **Completed printed application.**
- 2) **Academic transcript.**
- 3) **One Letter of Recommendation from a high school teacher or employer.**
- 4) **A 250-word essay answering one of the following three questions.**
 - How has a financial lesson - learned at home, school, work, or in your community - shaped the way you think about money and your future? How will that lesson influence your goals after high school?
 - Describe a challenge you have faced in high school and how you worked to overcome it. What did this experience teach you about perseverance, responsibility, or leadership?
 - What actions do you regularly take to inspire others or make a difference in your school, family, or community? Why are these actions meaningful to you?
- 5) **A detailed list of extracurricular/community and/or volunteer activities.**

Student Name _____ Telephone No. _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip_____

Are you employed? Yes No If yes, how many hours weekly on average? _____

List extracurricular activities, community service and employment (*attach additional sheet if necessary*):

List the names of colleges/universities/trade schools that you have applied to and/or been accepted into as of application date:

_____	Accepted?	Yes	No
_____	Accepted?	Yes	No
_____	Accepted?	Yes	No
_____	Accepted?	Yes	No
_____	Accepted?	Yes	No

Please make note of any special circumstances you wish to share (ex. *financial need - Attach additional sheet if necessary*):

Student Signature _____ Date _____