

Scholarship Application Instructions

NW Plus CU will award scholarships for the 2026-2027 school year to selected high school seniors graduating this year, current college students, and individuals pursuing further education or certification. Funds awarded through this scholarship program may be used for tuition and other qualified expenses only.

Applicants 18 years and older must be a member and in good standing for at least 60 days upon application for a scholarship. For applicants under 18 years of age, they or their parents must be a member and in good standing for 60 days or more upon application for the scholarship.

No family member of a NW Plus CU employee or volunteer official is eligible.

Application Packet

The following items must be submitted: *Please, no staples or bound material*

1. The Scholarship+ Application Form (See below)
2. Two letters of recommendation. The letters should include the author's relationship to applicant and how long they have known applicant.
3. Official High School Transcript your SAT scores, if recent (within 5 years) high school graduate.
 - Official College Transcripts, if applicant is currently a post-secondary student or has been within last 5 years.
 - If neither, please explain your circumstances with a detailed letter.
4. The following attachments:
 - ✓ Description of community service and/or school activities
 - ✓ Essay on educational goals and interest

Application Deadline

The complete application packet must be postmarked on or before March 13, 2026. The Selection Committee will make its decision by May 8, 2026. The completed application should be mailed to:

NW PLUS CU
Attn: Scholarship Coordinator
2821 Hewitt Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

OR email completed packet to kalfaro@nwpluscu.com. Please note: all High School or College transcripts must be certified official transcripts.

Evaluation Criteria

Applicants will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Academic Record
Community Service
School/Community Activities
Educational Goals Essay
Personal Interviews (Optional per Selection Committee)

Community Service/School Activity Essay

On a separate sheet, please provide at least two examples of community service or school activities you are currently involved in or have taken part in before. Share what your role was, what you contributed, and what you gained from the experience. Feel free to include more than two examples if you'd like.

Educational Goals Essay

On a separate sheet, please write a 1,000-word essay about your educational interests and goals. How would receiving this scholarship help you achieve these goals

COMPLETE APPLICATION DOCUMENT BELOW:

High School & Post-Secondary Scholarship Application

Please indicate the scholarship category for which you applying:

☐ High School Senior Awards ☐ Post-Secondary Student Awards

Applicant's Name

NW Plus Member Number

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email address

Applicant's Signature

If under 18, Parent or Guardian signature

By signing above, I hereby consent NW Plus CU and anyone authorized by the credit union to publish my name, photographs, written or spoken quotes by myself, and/or my city of residence in a responsible manner as deemed applicable to the intent of the publication or presentation. I further agree to allow such publication to be accomplished without any compensation at any time to myself. I hereby release all rights of ownership of printed materials as may be created and release NW Plus CU of any and all liabilities connected with the use of the publication.

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High School attended: _____

Grade Point Average_____

Post-Secondary attended (if applicable): _____

Grade Point Average_____

Please include the following when submitting this application:

☐ High School SAT's/transcripts (within 5 years) OR Post-secondary school transcripts OR Alternative circumstances letter.

☐ School/Community Activity Essay

☐ This Application Document

☐ Letters of Recommendation

☐ Educational Goals Essay