

Application Requirements & Instructions

The Virginia Credit Union Scholarship program was established to help Virginia Credit Union members of any age who are working toward their first undergraduate degree.

Eligibility requirements

1. Applicant must be a **primary member of Virginia Credit Union** (not just any credit union in Virginia) and must have joined VACU by **December 1, 2019**. Applicant must be the primary owner of a VACU account, not just a joint owner, and accounts must be in good standing. If you are unsure of your Virginia Credit Union membership status, please call (804) 323-6800 or (800) 285-6609 to verify it.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or equivalent, or a college student (rising freshman, sophomore, junior or senior) at an accredited college or university. The applicant may be in an undergraduate program or in an associate degree program at a community college. Graduate students are not eligible.
3. Applicant must have a minimum **3.00 cumulative** grade point average.
4. Applicant must take at least nine (9) credit hours per semester for the 2020-2021 academic year.
5. VACU employees, directors, committee members, other volunteers and their families are not eligible. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible.

Submission requirements

1. A completed Virginia Credit Union Scholarship application must be submitted online at vacu.org. **The deadline is 5 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020.** Your application includes an essay on the following topic:

- *Virginia Credit Union believes that financial education is an important factor in enhancing our members' financial well-being.*
- *How have you learned to manage your money and credit responsibly, and what role has Virginia Credit Union played?*

Please note any hardships or challenges you have faced, or will face, that make this scholarship particularly important to you.

Essays must contain between 300 and 500 words. Do not use your name in the essay. Essays will be judged on how well the topic is addressed, as well as grammar and spelling.

2. **A copy of your high school or college transcript** for the most recently completed semester. The transcript may be uploaded with your online application or mailed before the deadline to:

Scholarship Administrator
Virginia Credit Union
P.O. Box 90010
Richmond, VA 23225-9010

3. It is the applicant's responsibility to see that the online application is submitted on time. Scholarship applications will not be considered unless **all** required information is received before the deadline. VACU is not be responsible for lost, delayed or misdirected mail. Faxes will not be accepted.



Application Checklist

- Joined Virginia Credit Union by December 1, 2019
- Completed application submitted online at vacu.org/scholarships

Deadline
5 p.m. Monday, March 2, 2020

Questions

Contact the VACU Scholarship Administrator at (804) 323-6000 or (800) 285-5051, or email memsvc@vacu.org.

Not yet a member of Virginia Credit Union?

Learn how you can join. Visit vacu.org, visit a branch or call (804) 323-6800 or (800) 285-6609.