



## **Scholarship Rules**

Eligible Applicants Must:

1. Be a member or the child or legal ward of a U of I Community Credit Union member in good standing.
2. Be a 2023 or 2024 graduating senior from any high school.
3. Be accepted as a first-time incoming freshman to an Illinois College, University, or technical school.
4. Complete UICCU Orange & Blue Scholarship application
5. Please note, members of the UICCU Board and Staff, as well as their children, are ineligible for consideration
6. Submit two letters of recommendation, written by a teacher, counselor, employer, clergy, or friend. (no parents/relatives)
7. Submit an essay of 300 words or more on one of the following topics
  - a. Explain the difference between a credit union and bank and why you and/or your parent/legal guardian chose a credit union.
  - b. Explain how a credit union can help set you up for financial success.
8. Submit copy of transcript from high school listed on application.
9. Submit a high-resolution headshot to be posted on social media upon winning

Your application and all supporting documentation must be returned to U of I Community Credit Union by **March 31, 2024**.

You can submit your application and supporting documentation electronically at [uoficreditunion.org/orange-blue-scholarship](http://uoficreditunion.org/orange-blue-scholarship).

## **Selection Process**

**Judges** The Scholarship Committee will be comprised of selected employees and management of the U of I Community Credit Union. The decisions of the judges are final.

## **Factors Considered**

- Official high school transcript
- Extracurricular involvement in school, community, and charitable organizations
- Letters of recommendation
- Written essay

All applications will be verified for accuracy, and decisions will be made based on the information submitted without regard to income, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, or familial status.

Scholarships will be awarded before the start of the Fall semester. Payments will be made directly to the school.