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High School Financial Scholarship Application



2026 HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships

Highmark Credit Union will award four **\$1,000 scholarships** to applicants who exemplify the credit union philosophy of “People Helping People” through volunteering, community service, and leadership. Scholarship monies will be sent directly to the college/university named in the applicant’s documents to be applied towards tuition.

Deadline

Applications must be **postmarked by March 6, 2026**, and mailed to:
Highmark Credit Union, Scholarship Committee, 725 5th Street. Rapid City, SD 57701

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must be a United States citizen.
2. Applicant must be a **Highmark Credit Union member**.
3. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
4. Applicant must be planning to attend a two or four year post-secondary accredited university or a technical/vocational school.

Application Requirements

1. A completed copy of the Highmark High School Financial Scholarship application form, including:
 - a. List of volunteer work/job experience
 - b. List of extracurricular activities/organizations
 - c. List of accomplishments, honors, and awards
2. A written letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, community leader, or supervisor.
3. An essay, not to exceed 500 words, on the following question:
“Please explain how your experiences volunteering and participating in your local community have influenced your future ambitions and/or career choice.”

Judging Criteria

The judging committee will score each applicant based on the following criteria:

1. Volunteer work/job experience
2. Extracurricular activities/organizations
3. Accomplishments, honors and awards
4. Letter of recommendation
5. Essay

The scholarship winners will be announced in April. If you have any questions, please contact Kyla Wright, Marketing Director, by email kyla.wright@highmarkfcu.com or by calling 605-716.4444, extension 157.

HIGHMARK CREDIT UNION
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Please print all information.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

Email Address _____

Grade Point Average _____ Year joined Highmark Credit Union _____

High School Name _____

School Phone Number (_____) _____ Graduation Date ____ / ____ / ____

School Planning to Attend _____

Mailing Address _____

School Phone Number (_____) _____ Enrollment Date ____ / ____ / ____

Expected Field of Study / Major _____

Accomplishments / Honors / Awards

Please list any/all of your honors or awards and the year in which you received them. If additional room is needed, please attach an additional sheet.

1. _____ Year _____
2. _____ Year _____
3. _____ Year _____
4. _____ Year _____
5. _____ Year _____
6. _____ Year _____

Extracurricular Activities / Organizations

Please list the extracurricular activities and organizations you have participated in, including the length of involvement, offices held, and dates of participation. If additional room is needed, please attach an additional sheet.

	Activity/Organization	Length Service	Position(s) Held	Date(s)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Volunteer Work / Job Experience

Please list the volunteer/community service work or job experience you have participated in, including the dates worked. Also, please indicate the type of experience, volunteerism/work. If additional room is needed, please attach an additional sheet.

	Type of Experience	Volunteer Work or Job	Date(s)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Essay (Use a blank sheet to respond)

An essay, not to exceed 500 words, on the following: *Please explain how your experiences volunteering and participating in your local community have shaped your perspective on humanity. Elaborate on how these experiences have influenced your future ambitions and career choice.*

Certification

I certify that everything I have stated on this application and any attachment is true.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

I give permission to release my full name and photo to the media should I receive this scholarship.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Our Mission

To educate and inspire our Highmark family
so that all can achieve success.

Field of Membership

Persons who live, work, worship, or attend school in Butte, Custer, Fall River, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, or Pennington County, South Dakota, or Campbell, Crook, Niobrara, or Weston County, Wyoming are eligible to join. Persons who have an immediate family member who is a member are also eligible to join.



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