2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

BLACKHAWK COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

We appreciate your interest in the 2027 Blackhawk Community Credit Union Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Program is a long-standing BHCCU tradition to help students with the increasing costs of higher education. We believe that anyone who wants a higher education should be able to achieve that dream.

Our Scholarship Program is just one way that BHCCU fulfills its mission of community service. We are awarding a total of four $5,000 scholarships this year.

To be considered for one of the scholarships, please follow the application requirements and upload all of the materials to our website by February 1, 2027. Scholarship winners will be notified in May with a letter of congratulations and certificate of achievement. They will also be published in our marketing materials and on our website.

All of us at BHCCU wish you the best in your pursuit of a college education. We look forward to reviewing your scholarship application and your creative video, essay, or poster about your community. Please contact us with questions at 800-779-5555, scholarship@bhccu.org, or stop in any of our branches.

Sincerely,

Lisa Palma

President & CEO
Blackhawk Community Credit Union

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PROGRAM PROCEDURES

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Applicant must be a primary member (first owner named on the account) in good standing with Blackhawk Community Credit Union.
- Applicant must be a 2027 graduating senior from a high school or home school from within the communities we serve.
- Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited public or private college, community college or technical college. Awards will not be disbursed until the student is accepted and enrolled in an accredited institution.
- Previous winners are not eligible for the BHCCU Scholarship Program.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Please ensure all submitted files - including your application, transcript, and video/essay/poster - are labeled with your full name.

Applicant must submit:

- ☐ Completed application including a listing of all Volunteer & Community Involvement, Awards & Honors, Extracurricular & Leadership Activities, and a brief description of how you balance your responsibilities (school, work, community, and personal life).
- ☐ A high school transcript that includes your GPA from the end of the most recent school year.
- ☐ Bring your story to life in the way that suits you best! Choose one of the following creative formats to answer this question: " What's your favorite part of your community, and why is it special to you?" Think about a place, event or tradition that truly captures what you love about where you live. Share why it matters, - maybe it's helped you grow, brought people together, or made you feel more connected to those around you.
- ☐ Pick one way to express what your community means to you:
  1. Submit a short video (up to 3 minutes)
  2. Write a creative, heartfelt essay (max 2 pages)
  3. Design a visual poster that speaks volumes

All application materials must be uploaded by midnight on February 1, 2027 to ***www.bhccu.org***. Application materials can be uploaded by scrolling to the bottom of the homepage and clicking on the **"secure file upload"** link. Fill out the secure upload form and attach your application materials. Late and incomplete entries will not be accepted.

BHCCU has the right to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness in the awarding of the scholarships.

ADMINISTRATIVE/AWARD PROCEDURES:

Scholarship funds will be paid only to the school's business office. Funds are to be used in the 2026-2027 school year for tuition or books. Any funds not used for these purposes will be forfeited. In January of each year, BHCCU is required to file form 1099 with the IRS, which reports amounts paid to reduce student loans during the previous year. The student will be mailed a copy of Form 1099 and may be required to report on a tax return any scholarship winnings applied to student loans. We recommend that the student consult a tax advisor.

JUDGING:

A panel of impartial judges will make final decisions. All decisions are final.

The scholarship committee will assess applications based on:
Community Involvement, Leadership & Initiative, Well-Roundedness, Effort & Quality, Academic Readiness

Judging Criteria for Essays, Videos, or Posters:
Community Connection, Personal Impact, Creativity, Emotional Impact, Clarity & Focus, Presentation

All applications become the property of Blackhawk Community Credit Union and may be published.

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Blackhawk Community Credit Union is committed to the higher education goals of the credit union's youth members. We are awarding four scholarships of $5,000 each for the 2026-27 school year.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Member #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Parent Name: _____

How Did You Hear About the Scholarship? (Check one or more)

☐ Word of Mouth ☐ BHCCU Website ☐ School Guidance Counselor

☐ Teacher ☐ BHCCU Member ☐ BHCCU Board Member

☐ BHCCU Employee ☐ In a BHCCU Branch ☐ Other: _____

EDUCATION:

Name of high school: _____ GPA: _____

List the colleges or universities applicant is applying to:

School 1: _____ Planned Major: _____

School 2: _____ Planned Major: _____

VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List the volunteer activities you've participated in, the organization, and dates involved:

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AWARDS AND HONORS

List any academic, athletic, community, or personal achievements and honors. Include the name of the award and the year received:

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Tell us about the clubs, teams, groups, or activities you're involved in and any leadership roles you've held:

WORK/LIFE/COMMUNITY BALANCE

Describe how you manage your responsibilities - whether that's school, work, family, or personal obligations-while staying involved in your community activities:

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

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I swear that the attached video is my original work, and all the personal information is true and correct. I understand that all submitted material becomes the property of Blackhawk Community Credit Union for promotional activities related to the scholarship competition, and should I be selected as a recipient, I give them permission to use my name and photo for promotional activities.

X _____

Signature Date