



CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Complete the application form and return it with the other required documents to:

Ashley Fordyce via email at AFordyce@ExtraCreditUnion.org

		Extra Credit Union Account Number:
Name:		
Address:	City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	Email Address:	
Date of Birth:		
High School Name:	High School Graduation Date:	
Are you currently attending post-secondary or trade school?		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO
School you are attending or planning to attend:		
Course of Study:		
Future Occupation Desired:		
Have you received a scholarship from Extra Credit Union in the past?		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Signature:		

*Selection will be made without regard to applicant's race, color, ethnic origin, religious beliefs, sex, marital status, or physical ability. Applicant must be a member of Extra Credit Union. **Applications must be submitted by June 30, 2026. Extra Credit Union scholarship winners will be announced by July 31, 2026.** Applicant agrees to accept the decisions of Extra Credit Union as final. Extra Credit Union reserves the right to disqualify applicants who make any misrepresentations on their application or supporting documents. All applications and supporting documents will be kept confidential, become the property of the credit union and will not be returned. Scholarship applications will be judged based on: Letters of recommendation, resume, community and/or school involvement, and essay content (including grammar).*

By signing this application, I hereby authorize Extra Credit Union to photograph me and consent to the use of my likeness in any and all publications, educational materials, research, advertising, news media, video, and web materials. I understand and agree that such materials shall become and remain the sole property of Extra Credit Union. If applicant is a minor, consent must be agreed to in writing by a parent or legal guardian.

Applications must be submitted by June 30, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted. Applicants are asked to contact Ashley Fordyce (586) 276-3000, extension 3150, or via email at AFordyce@ExtraCreditUnion.org for questions regarding this application. Extra Credit Union membership is open to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school within the state of Michigan. If you have any questions about membership, please contact our membership services department at (586) 276-3000.

Eligibility Requirements

Extra Credit Union will grant up to five (5) Continuing Education Scholarships (totaling \$5,000) to individuals who graduated high school more than one year ago or nontraditional students who are returning to school after a hiatus. There are no age limitations for qualification. Those who meet the following criteria may apply:

1. Applicants must be a member of Extra Credit Union at the time of application. *
2. Applicants must be pursuing their education at an accredited institution, trade school, vocational school, community college or university.
3. Applicants must be accepted by the school and plan to be enrolled, at minimum, as a part-time student (6 credit hours).

Checklist

Submit a portfolio of the following by **June 30, 2026**.

- Two recent letters of recommendation
- Resumé
- 250-500 word essay (see below for details and topic)
- List of community and/or school-related involvement
- Completed application

Community & School-Related Involvement

Attach a document to complete the following:

Make a list of your involvement in school-related and/or community activities and volunteer programs. Please include dates/years involvement and/or hours completed. Please feel free to include involvement details, such as specific tasks performed and/or any concluding thoughts or impressions of the activities or programs.

Two Letters of Recommendation

The written recommendations can be from a past or present employer, coach, teacher, instructor, counselor, community leader, etc., but must be written by an unrelated adult. The letter should be recent, signed and address why the applicant deserves the scholarship, as well as elaborate the applicant's character and accomplishments.

Resumé

Include an updated, typed copy of your resumé. Resumés will be reviewed similar to a resumé being considered for employment.

Essay

Selection criteria will include: ideas/content, organization, sentence fluency, word choice and grammar. The essay should be 250-500 words, typed, double spaced in 12 pt. font.

Essay Topic

What difference do you want to make in the world and how does your career choice help you make a difference in the world?

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The scholarship recipient will be notified by July 31, 2026. This scholarship is available for tuition, books and fees. At Extra Credit Union's discretion, the scholarship will be paid directly to the educational institution the student is attending.