



## 2026 CU Succeed Scholarship Application

Educational Community Credit Union has a long history of service in southwest Missouri. As we grow and evolve, we are committed to lifelong learning and helping our members discover their own financial success. To assist with the expenses that accompany higher learning, the CU Succeed scholarship was created. ECCU will be awarding two non-renewable \$1,000 scholarships to graduating High School Seniors. At ECCU, we know that what educates and benefits the community benefits the future.

### **Application Requirements**

Any ECCU member who is a graduating high school senior may apply for this scholarship. Each applicant must have an ECCU account in his/her name. If you are not a member, you may open an account and become eligible to apply.

**To apply for a Scholarship, complete the entire application packet, this includes:**

- Application form (attach list of activities, honors, awards, work experience, etc.)
- Official High School Transcript
- Sealed letter of recommendation from a long-term acquaintance, teacher, or an employer.
- A 300-to-500-word essay (see page 3 for essay topic)
- Senior photo

***Scholarship Application deadline: March 2nd, 2026***

**Return complete packet to:**

Educational Community Credit Union  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 1908  
Ozark, MO 65721

### **Award Information**

Recipients will be notified by telephone or email and be acknowledged during our Annual Meeting and Banquet. Scholarship funds will be sent to the post-secondary school in the school's name and in care of the student's name upon confirmation of enrollment. Questions? Contact Angela at (417) 485-3661, or email [angelag@educationalccu.org](mailto:angelag@educationalccu.org).



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ ECCU Account # \_\_\_\_\_ # of years as a Member \_\_\_\_\_

High school you attend \_\_\_\_\_

High school address \_\_\_\_\_

High school counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class rank \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

Technical College/University \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ When will you begin your first semester? \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving other scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_

(if yes, please list)

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Activities Information

List all the activities (school and community) in which you have participated, listing any awards or honors received. Please indicate if you held an office or leadership position. Please attach a separate sheet if necessary.

<u>Name &amp; Description of Activity</u>	<u>Awards/Honors/Offices</u>	<u>Years of Participation</u>

## Employment Information

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Position Held</u>	<u>Date Employed</u>

**Essay Assignment** *Describe the importance of good financial planning and your future. Provide an example of how good (or bad) financial planning has affected your life. Consider such questions as: How do you accomplish it? What steps would you take to establish a good credit history? How can owning a car, going to college, or spending effect your decisions? How can ECCU help you? This essay is about what you think and/or have learned about finances. This means there are no wrong answers.*

Judges will consider such criteria as:

- Content: Does the essay address the assigned topic? Is it clear and focused?
- Organization: Does the structure of the essay make it easy to read and understand?
- Writing Basics: Does the writer demonstrate a basic knowledge of conventional writing (grammar usage, spelling, punctuation, etc.)?

Essays should be 300 to 500 words and must be typed and double-spaced.

## Submission Checklist

### **Did you include your:**

- Scholarship Application, including your ECCU account number
- Copy of School Transcript
- Letter of recommendation
- Student essay
- Photo

**Send your complete application packet to:** Educational Community Credit Union  
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Applications must be received no later than Monday March 2nd, 2026, to be considered for the 2026 CU Succeed Scholarship. For more information, contact us at 417-485-3661.

# Why YOU should join Educational Community Credit Union

**AS YOU START EARNING MONEY** and handling your own finances, you'll need to open a checking and/or savings account at a financial institution. So why should you choose ECCU?

Eligibility for the **2026 CU Succeed** Scholarship is just one of the many benefits you'll receive. You'll also enjoy the benefits of being a member-owner, which include better rates, lower fees, superior service, and a free checking account! What's that? An account designed specifically for our 18- to 25-year-old members! To help you thrive in this stage of your life, we'd like to help you **Save** more of your hard-earned money, **Think** more about your financial journey, and **Live** savvier day to day. It's all part of the ECCU difference!

Start building a solid credit history and taking care of your own finances for a lot less than what you'd pay at a bank. Becoming a member of ECCU is easy. And you can bet we'll always keep your best financial interest in mind. After all, we didn't become one of the most successful credit unions in the United States by accident! Join Educational Community Credit Union today!

## ***To Become an Educational Community Credit Union Member***

1. **Open an account** via online at [www.educationalccu.org](http://www.educationalccu.org) or visit any office location.
2. **Establish A General Share.** Each member is required to establish a \$25 Savings Share Account, which represents your part ownership in the credit union. This share is insured, may earn dividends and always remains your money if you ever close your account with ECCU.
3. **Begin Taking Advantage of these Convenient Services:\***
  - *Free mobile App*
  - *Free online banking*
  - *Free debit card*
  - *Savings accounts*
  - *Auto loans*
  - *Credit cards*
  - *Certificate of Deposit (CD)*
  - *Investment products of all types*
  - *And much, much more!*



For more information, visit [www.educationalccu.org](http://www.educationalccu.org) or call us at **417-485-3661** or **1-866-439-3228**.

\*Certain age/income restrictions may apply. Ask a credit union representative for details.  
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