



## Midland Empire Chapter of Credit Unions

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December 5, 2024

Guidance Counselor  
Manhattan High School  
PO Box 425  
Manhattan, MT 59741

Dear Guidance Counselor,

The Midland Empire Chapter of Credit Unions will be offering two \$1,000 scholarships in the spring of 2025 for students wanting to attend college. One scholarship will be awarded to a traditional student, defined as a graduating high school senior or someone in college with less than a three-year gap since high school. The other will be awarded to a non-traditional student, defined as someone who has been out of school for at least three years. These scholarships apply to any accredited college, graduate school, or secondary education facility.

The main requirement to qualify for a scholarship is to be a member of one of the following credit unions:

- Altana Federal Credit Union [www.altanafcu.org](http://www.altanafcu.org)
- Billings Federal Credit Union [www.billingsfcu.org](http://www.billingsfcu.org)
- Black Hills Federal Credit Union [www.bhfcu.com](http://www.bhfcu.com)
- Montana Health Federal Credit Union [www.montanahealthfcu.org](http://www.montanahealthfcu.org)
- Rimrock Credit Union [www.rimrockcu.org](http://www.rimrockcu.org)
- SEG Federal Credit Union [www.segfcu.org](http://www.segfcu.org)
- Sky Federal Credit Union [www.skyfcu.org](http://www.skyfcu.org)
- Valley Credit Union [www.valleyfcu.com](http://www.valleyfcu.com)

I have enclosed a number of scholarship applications for your students. They can also access applications at the websites listed above. The application may be photocopied if needed. All applications must be submitted to their credit union no later than March 1, 2025. Once we have compiled all the applications, the review process will be completed, and winners will be contacted by April 1, 2025.

Each student who receives a scholarship will be acknowledged during our April credit union chapter meeting. Should you have any questions feel free to contact me at [bscala@valleyfcu.com](mailto:bscala@valleyfcu.com).

Cordially,

Brandon Scala  
President of Midland Empire Chapter of Credit Unions  
Enclosures

# Scholarship Application



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1. **Two Midland Empire Chapter Scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$1,000 each.**
2. **Eligibility:** The applicant must be a member of a Credit Union within the Midland Empire Chapter fields of membership. These scholarships apply to any accredited college, graduate school, or secondary education facility.
3. **Traditional Student Scholarship:** One scholarship will be awarded to a traditional student, defined as a graduating high school senior or someone in college with less than a three-year gap since high school.  
**Ray Harris Memorial Scholarship:** One scholarship will be awarded to a non-traditional student, defined as someone who was out of school for at least three years and has returned.
4. **Due Date:** Completed applications and all required materials must be submitted to your credit union no later than **March 1st**. Scholarships will be awarded at the April chapter meeting of the Midland Empire Chapter of Credit Unions.
5. **Application Materials:** The following items must be included with the application. Missing items will cause the application to be removed from consideration.
  - Completed and signed application form (signature line on Page 3).
  - Two letters of recommendation from non-relatives who can attest to your character and to your desire to continue your education. If you are currently enrolled in a school, one letter should be from a faculty member.
  - A copy of your most recent school grade transcript.
  - A photo of the scholarship applicant for publicity purposes if the applicant is awarded a scholarship.
  - A brief letter, not to exceed 300 words, addressing the following:
    - \_\_\_ Your need for a scholarship and how a scholarship would benefit you.
    - \_\_\_ A statement of your educational goals.
    - \_\_\_ Include any additional information you would like the scholarship committee to consider.
6. **The applicant's signature is required for completion of this form.** By signing this form, the applicant authorizes the Midland Empire Chapter to use their photo for media publishing.
7. **Late or incomplete** applications will not be considered.



**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES**  
(use an additional sheet if necessary)

Scholastic honors:

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List all other scholarships you have or will receive and the dollar amount:

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_____	\$	_____
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School activities:

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Non-school activities and/or community involvement:

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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

List your work experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE SIGN BELOW**

To the best of my knowledge the information furnished in this application is correct.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_