

2026 ESL Federal Credit Union College Scholarship

Applications Due: Friday, March 6, 2026

At ESL our Purpose is to **help our community thrive and prosper**. One of the many ways we do this is by investing in the education of our youth. An essential ingredient to making our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family is student success. The ESL College Scholarship helps offset the costs of a college education and recognizes the achievements of students who make positive contributions to our community.

CRITERIA

- Exhibits behaviors and traits consistent with ESL Core Values.

ESL CORE VALUES:

- Accountability
- Caring About People
- Initiative
- Integrity
- Teamwork

- Active in their community through extracurricular activities, volunteerism, collaboration, creativity, service or leadership.
- Enthusiasm to help their community thrive and prosper.

ELIGIBILITY

- Member in good standing at ESL Federal Credit Union.
- High school seniors who live within the ESL Federal Credit Union field of membership. Visit esl.org/member for membership eligibility details.
- Graduating high school in the spring of 2026.
- Attending accredited college or university in the Fall of 2026.

AWARDS

We will recognize ten students who demonstrate how they help their community thrive and prosper in a unique and meaningful way. These ten students will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Winners will be notified in May 2026.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **COMPLETE APPLICATION**

- Please complete both sides of this brochure or use our online application at esl.org/scholarship.

- **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**

- Please send in your transcript. Alternatively, your school can send it in a separate mailing.
- Copies will not be accepted.

- **RESUME**

Please send in a resume listing the following:

AWARDS/HONORS

List/describe any awards or honors received during the last two years.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

List/describe sports teams, clubs, or organizations, etc. during the last two years.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

List and describe all community involvement from the last two years. List the organization you worked with, the dates of volunteer service, and your responsibilities.

WORK EXPERIENCE

List any work experience during the last two years.

- **ESSAY**

- Provide an example or story of how you help or have helped your community thrive and prosper.
- Your community could mean your neighborhood, your family, your school, your place of worship, your group of friends etc.
- One page only, double spaced, typed, 11-pt. font.

- **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

- One letter from a school official, coach or community/volunteer organization where you volunteered.
- Clearly illustrates their support for the student to receive this scholarship.
- No more than one page.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
Email _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name _____
Relationship to Applicant _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
Email _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of Current School:

Guidance Counselor:

Guidance Counselor Email:

COLLEGE

Please list colleges you applied to and are considering attending:

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

There are a few ways you can submit your application:

- Submit the online application by going to esl.org/scholarship
- Deliver all components to an ESL branch in a sealed envelope
- Mail all components to ESL, post marked by March 6, 2026

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

The 2026 ESL Federal Credit Union
College Scholarship
P.O. Box 92714
Rochester, NY 14692-8814

All components must be submitted, delivered, or mailed to ESL by March 6, 2026.

- Complete Application
- Official Transcript
- Resume
- Essay
- Letter of Recommendation

By signing below, you agree to all terms of the ESL College Scholarship Application.

Applicant Signature_____

Date_____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

Date_____

Applicant must have an ESL account in his/her name and be a member in good standing at ESL; be enrolled as a high school senior for the 2025/2026 school year, and plan to attend an accredited college or university in the Fall of 2026. A complete application must be submitted online, delivered to an ESL branch, or postmarked by March 6, 2026. All applications must be complete to be considered. ESL is not obligated to contact applicants regarding incomplete or late applications. Family members of ESL employees, Board members, ESL Trust Services, ESL Investment Services, LLC, Cooper/Haims Advisors, LLC, or Alesco Advisors, LLC are not

eligible. ESL Federal Credit Union is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, ineligible or postage-due mail.