



2023 Scholarship Application Packet



Application Packet 2023 Summary

Thank you for your interest in the Anoka Hennepin Credit Union Scholarship Program. Anoka Hennepin Credit Union is a member owned financial cooperative.

Membership is available to those who are employees and retirees of Anoka Hennepin School District #11; Anoka Hennepin Technical College; Federal Premium Ammunition; Hoffman Enclosures, Inc.; GRACO Inc.; Anoka Hennepin Credit Union; and their subsidiaries, and those persons who live, work, worship, volunteer or attend school in, and businesses and other entities located in Anoka, Chisago, Hennepin, Isanti, Mille Lacs, Ramsey, Sherburne, and Washington Counties of Minnesota; and who subscribe to and maintain at least one share as designated by the Board of Directors. In addition to a regularly qualified member, the spouse of a member, the blood or adoptive relatives of either of them and their spouses, and the household member of a member may be members.

The credit union offers 8, \$1,000 financial scholarships. Please read the following guidelines carefully. Applications that do not follow the guidelines will not be considered.

Good luck and congratulations on completing your senior year!

Eligibility to Apply

To be eligible for one of the credit union scholarships, applicant must be a high school senior pursuing post-secondary education in the fall of 2023 academic year. Scholarships are available to students attending the following high schools: Anoka, Andover, Blaine, Centennial, Champlin Park, Coon Rapids, Forest Lake, and St. Francis. The applicant must be a primary member of AHCU. The school you are planning to attend must be a public or private university, or two- or four-year community or technical college.

Applications will be judged by the beginning of April 2023. Awards will be made payable to the school of your choice in your name, and mailed directly to the college/school as indicated by the student.

Financial need is not considered in the selection of the scholarship recipient.



2023 Essay Question

Imagine that you are a director of admission at a highly selective University College and you had to choose from among a group of very well-qualified applicants, aside from excellent academic performance. Which one characteristic would be most important to you in making your decision?

Selection

Members of Anoka Hennepin Credit Union scholarship committee will select the scholarship winners. The decision of the committee will be final and is not subject to review.

The final decision on the selection will be based on the applicants' creativity in the essay, grammar, spelling and completion of the application form. Furthermore, the committee will consider applicants' noteworthy achievements, honors received, involvement in community activities, community or school memberships, letters of recommendation, and extracurricular activities.

In determining the scholarship recipient, the five requirements will be weighted as follows:

500-word essay	50%
Civic Activities	20%
Letters of Recommendation (2 required)	10%
School activities	10%
Noteworthy achievements/ honors	10%
TOTAL	100%

A member of AHCU's selection committee will notify the winning applicant(s) and invite them and their guest(s) to attend the AHCU Annual Meeting for pictures and presentation, if the meeting is held in-person. Otherwise, we will communicate through the mail and email.

Non-winners will not be notified.



Deadline

All applications must be received by March 4th, by noon at the AHCU Coon Rapids office location listed below. Scholarship applications received after this date will not be considered.

Mail Applications to:

Marketing
Anoka Hennepin Credit Union
3505 Northdale Blvd. NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55448



Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information

Please complete the application form and questions below. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

AHCU Primary Member Number _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Telephone Number _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Educational Information

Two letters of recommendation must also be submitted.

Name of High School _____

Graduation Date _____

Name Of Post- Secondary School of Choice _____

If unknown, please write names of schools being considered. Anoka Hennepin Credit Union will contact scholarship winners to confirm final institution choice before issuing a check in the student and the institution's name.



Questions

On a separate sheet of paper and attach your answers to the following questions:

1. Imagine that you are a director of admission at a highly selective University College and you had to choose from among a group of very well-qualified applicants, aside from excellent academic performance. Which one characteristic would be most important to you in making your decision?
2. Briefly list noteworthy activities, achievements and honors.
3. List school or community memberships.
4. List volunteer and/or community work.
5. What major are you considering for study? (If you have not yet decided, list majors that you are considering)

By signing the below portion the applicant is attesting that the essay is an original work, and all other personal information provided on the application is true. The applicant understands that the essay and form become the property of Anoka Hennepin Credit Union. If selected, the applicant agrees to allow his/her name, photo, and essay to be used in promotional and marketing materials published by Anoka Hennepin Credit Union.

Signature _____ Date _____



Application Checklist

Please put your application together as follows:

1. COMPLETED APPLICATION

- Please type your entry. Handwritten entries will not be considered. Entry should not exceed 500 words.
- Do not leave questions blank. If your answer to the question is no, none, or not applicable, please state as such.
- Complete both pages of the application form. Applicants can make copies if necessary or access new application packets online at www.ahcu.coop.

2. SHEET ATTACHMENTS

- Place scholarship application form on top.
- Place answers to questions and any additional sheets used below the scholarship application.
- Attach two letters of recommendation.

3. COMPLETED ESSAY *Place essay behind letters of recommendation.*

Attach your answer to the following essay question:

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4. CHECKLIST

Once you have put your packet together, double check your list. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

5. DEADLINE

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