



2024 Scholarship Application Packet

Application Packet 2024 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 everyone who lives, works, worships, volunteer or attend school in and businesses and other entities located in, Anoka, Benton, Chisago, Hennepin, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine, Ramsey, Sherburne and Washington Counties of Minnesota. Employees and retirees of Anoka Hennepin School District #11; Anoka Technical College; Federal Premium Ammunition; Hoffman Enclosures, Inc.; GRACO, Inc.; Anoka Hennepin Credit Union; and their subsidiaries. Membership is also open to 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 must follow the guidelines to be considered.

Good luck, and congratulations on completing your senior year!

Eligibility to Apply

To be eligible for one of the credit union scholarships, the applicant must be a high school senior pursuing post-secondary education in the fall of the 2024 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 plan to attend must be a public or private university or a two- or four-year community or technical college.

Applications will be judged by the beginning of April 2024. 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.

2024 Essay Question (included in application beginning on page 5)

Imagine that you are a director of admission at a highly selective university college, and you must choose from 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 committee's decision will be final and is not subject to review.

The final decision on the selection is 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 are 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 **Friday - March 8th, 2024 by noon**, at the AHCU Coon Rapids office location listed below. Scholarship applications received after this date will not be considered.

Mail Applications to:**Attn: Marketing**

Spirit Foundation Scholarship
c/o 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.

AHCU Primary Member Number _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____ Mobile Phone _____ Landline _____

Email _____

Educational Information

Two Letters of Recommendation Must Also be Submitted with Application.

Name of High School Attending _____

Graduation Date _____

Name of Post Secondary School _____

If unknown, please write the name of up to two other schools you are considering.

Anoka Hennepin Credit Union will contact scholarship winners to confirm the 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 have 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 attests that the essay is an original work and that 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 their 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 it as such.
- ☐ Complete both pages of the application form. Applicants can make necessary copies or access the fillable application packet online at www.ahcu.coop.

2. SHEET ATTACHMENTS

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

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

Attach your answer to the following essay question:

Imagine that you are a director of admissions at a highly selective university college, and you have 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?

4. CHECKLIST

Once you have put your packet together, double-check your list. **Only complete applications will be considered.**

5. DEADLINE

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