



Scholarship Program

At Gather FCU we strongly endorse the pursuit of higher education. That is why, we offer up to ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

All graduating high school seniors planning to enroll full time in any two (2) or four (4) year institution of higher education are eligible. Recipients **must** be enrolled as full-time students, be **members of the credit union** for at least **6 months prior** to the application deadline, in good standing and willing to have their picture published.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the school of the student's choice for educational expenses such as tuition, books, fees, supplies, room, and board. If the student does not enroll in the fall semester, the scholarship funds must be returned.

For consideration of a scholarship, the following criteria will be used:

1. Academic Merit
2. Community Service
3. Credit Union Relationship
4. Financial Need

Please submit the following to the **Scholarship Committee at Gather Federal Credit Union, 4493 Pahe'e Street, Lihue, Hawaii 96766:**

1. Completed Scholarship Application Form
2. Completed Checklist and Signatures Form
3. Completed Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), Running Start (RS), Early College (EC) Form
4. SAT/ACT Scores, Class Rank, GPA
(If these items are not included on your transcript, please provide them separately)
5. **Official Transcripts.** Must be enclosed (envelope sealed) with your scholarship packet or mailed directly by your High School no later than the application deadline to the following:

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6. Completed School, Extra-Curricular and Community Activities Form
7. **Two (2) Letters of Recommendation** (One Academic and One Non-School Related)
8. Personal Essay

Only completed entries will be considered. All documents should be sent in one envelope postmarked no later than March 31, 2025.

Attached you will find the Scholarship Application Form, List of School, Extra-Curricular and Community Activities Form, and Frequently Asked Questions & Answers. If you have any questions regarding this program, please call Terri Kaniho at (808) 246-1227.

Thank you for your interest in higher education!



Scholarship Application Form
Please type or print clearly.

Name: _____ Your Credit Union Account No: _____

Birth date: _____ Age: _____ Student ID#: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Cell): _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

School Currently Attending: _____

School Planning to Attend: _____

Degree Pursuing: _____

When will you graduate from college/university? _____

Financial Information

Please provide the following information as it applies to your parents, stepparents, or guardians:

Father's or Legal Guardian's Occupation: _____

Father's or Legal Guardian's Wages, Salaries, and Tips etc. (W-2): _____

Father's or Legal Guardian's Adjusted Gross Income (Tax Return): _____

Mother's or Legal Guardian's Occupation: _____

Mother's or Legal Guardian's Wages, Salaries, and Tips etc. (W-2): _____

Mother's or Legal Guardian's Adjusted Gross Income (Tax Return): _____

Name of sibling(s) in the household:

Name _____ Age _____ School Attending _____

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Checklist and Signatures Form

Place a check mark (x) next to the following to ensure completion of application.

- Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), Running Start (RS), Early College (EC) Form
- SAT/ACT Scores, Class Rank & GPA (If these items are not included on your transcript, please provide them separately)
- FIRST SEMESTER (CURRENT) Official Transcript** enclosed or mailed by high school. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.
- School, Extra-Curricular and Community Activities Form
- Two (2) letters of Recommendation that are from:
 - 1. _____
(Department of Education (i.e. Faculty, Counselor, etc...))
 - 2. _____
(Non-School Related (i.e. Coach, Pastor, Mentor, etc...))
- Personal Essay

Certification

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the above information is accurate and correct.

Print Applicant's Name: _____ Date _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Print Parent or Legal Guardian's Name: _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ Date _____

Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), Running Start (RS), Early College (EC) Form

Please list all your Honors, Advanced Placement, Running Start, and/or Early College courses that you have taken throughout your four years in high school. Please place a check mark (✓) next to each item listed for each year it applies. Please use this form and make additional copies if needed - **Do not attach a separate listing.**

Advanced Courses

Course	9th	10th	11th	12th
<i>Example - AP English</i>			✓	✓

SAT and ACT Scores

I have taken the SAT and my scores are attached.

I have taken the ACT and my scores are attached.

School, Extra-Curricular and Community Activities Form

Please list all achievements, awards, extra-curricular activities, and community service you have received or participated in throughout your four years in high school. Please place a check mark (✓) next to each item listed for each year it applies. Please use this form and make additional copies if needed - **Do not attach a separate listing.** For example: If you volunteered for JROTC in 10th and 11th grade only, it should be listed as shown below.

School Activities (including Sports and Extra-Curricular activities):

Event	Please state your Leadership Role and Responsibilities	9th	10th	11th	12th
<i>Example - JROTC</i>	Color Sergeant, responsible for training and assigning cadets who participate in color guard commitments. Ensure the national flag is raised during 1st Block on Mondays and lowered each Friday during 6th Block on Fridays,		✓	✓	
<i>Ex - Student Body</i>	President, conduct student body meetings, developed a new calendar system for the senior class, ...	✓	✓	✓	✓

Community Service (including Non-School, Organizations, and Club activities)

Event	Please state your Leadership Role and Responsibilities	9th	10th	11th	12th
<i>Example - Relay for Life</i>	Team Captain, recruit members to join team, coordinate fundraiser projects, ...		✓	✓	✓

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

[Am I eligible to apply?](#)

An applicant **must** be a member of Gather Federal Credit Union for 6 months prior to the application deadline, accepted and plan to enroll full-time at an institution of higher learning in the upcoming fall semester. You are a member if you receive a statement with your name listed (primary member) and have a regular share account with at least \$5.

[Can my parent, grandparent, or guardian apply for me?](#)

No. You, the applicant must apply yourself.

[How do I apply?](#)

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[Are there any deadlines?](#)

A completed application must be postmarked by March 31, 2025, prior to the fall semester you will be enrolled as a student. Late submissions will not be considered.

[When will I be notified?](#)

Scholarship applicants will be notified via email/mail no later than **June 30**.

[If I am awarded a scholarship, do I get the check?](#)

Yes, the check will be made payable to you and the school that you enroll in for the fall semester. If you do not enroll in the fall semester you must return the scholarship funds.

[Are there any marketing requirements expected of me if I am awarded a scholarship?](#)

Yes, the recipient is expected to be part of a press release and have their photo printed in a local and

possibly national publication.

[Can I contest the selection?](#)

No, the Scholarship Committee selections will be final.

[What can my scholarship be used for?](#)

Any and all educational expenses such as tuition, books, fees, supplies, room and board, and miscellaneous school expenses.

[Is the scholarship taxable?](#)

Consult a tax expert for advice.

[How will the Scholarship Committee know if a transcript is "official"?](#)

Your academic institution should seal the official transcript in an envelope bearing the academic institution's address and/or logo with your name on the outside.

If it says "unofficial," it will not be included; your application will be incomplete.

[Who should my 2 letters of recommendation come from?](#)

Your two (2) letters of recommendation should be from individuals not related to or living with you. **Letter #1** needs to be someone from the Department of Education, such as Faculty Member, Counselor, etc. **Letter #2** needs to be from someone outside of the Department of Education, such as a coach, pastor, mentor, etc.

[What should I say in my personal essay?](#)

Anything and everything including why you are deserving of a scholarship, something about yourself, your beliefs, your future goals/plans, or your pursuit of this education. The essay should be typed, double-spaced, a minimum of 12-point text and no more than 2 pages in length.

[May I receive more than one scholarship from Gather Federal Credit Union?](#)

No.

[If I do not receive a scholarship this year, may I apply again next year?](#)

No. This scholarship is only for graduating high school seniors.

[What if I am home schooled?](#)

You are eligible for a Gather FCU scholarship as long as your application is complete.

[Does the Committee always award ten \(10\) scholarships?](#)

Not always. The Scholarship Committee may award up to ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships based on qualified applicants only.

[If I still have questions, who can I call?](#)

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