



# 2024 Scholarship Contest

Apply by May 27, 2024



We are pleased to announce that we will be selecting two winners and awarding each a \$3,000 academic scholarship and a \$500 prize for the 2024 Scholarship Contest. In honor of UECU's 90th anniversary, we are celebrating the Power of Community. For 90 years, we've been giving back to those in need in our communities, and now we want to shine a light on students making a difference in their community. For the 2024 Scholarship Contest, we are asking students to answer one important question: **How would you make a positive impact in your community with \$1,000?**

#### Tell Us About How You Would...

- Help an individual or family in need
- Host an event to bring awareness to a critical community issue
- Do something special for someone who has experienced a tragedy
- Donate food or start a collection for those in need
- Give the money to a non-profit/charity to help others
- Organize a neighborhood cleanup
- Donate books and school supplies to a school
- Fix up a playground for neighborhood kids
- Start a community garden project to provide fresh food to neighbors
- Help a non-profit launch a website or app to further promote their mission
- Make care packages for the homeless
- Help an animal shelter
- Or any other good deed that could make a positive impact on a person or the community!

All applicants will be required to submit an entry to explain their idea. Winners will be selected based on creativity, passion, clarity of thought, and quality of entry. For the 2024 Scholarship Contest, each winner selected will receive a \$3,000 academic scholarship and a \$500 prize to use toward putting their idea into action.

#### Who Can Apply

Students who will be attending an accredited college/university or technical/trade school in the fall of 2024 and meet one of the requirements below:

- ✓ Student is a current UECU member in good standing with a share/savings account in their own name (and listed as a primary member).
- ✓ Student is eligible for membership with UECU because they have a relative who is a UECU member. Students are required to become members by completing a short membership application online at [uecu.org/join](https://uecu.org/join) before the contest deadline. UECU deposits the first \$5 into the student's new share/savings account, and there's no cost to become a member of UECU.
- ✓ Individuals who joined UECU through their own employment at a partner company while pursuing further education.
- ✓ Students who live or attend school in the state of Pennsylvania and have become a UECU member through the Pennsylvania American Consumer Council (PACC). Students are required to become members by completing a short membership application online at [uecu.org/join](https://uecu.org/join) by the contest deadline. UECU deposits the first \$5 into the student's new share/savings account, and there's no cost to become a member of UECU. *See back for additional requirements.*

## Additional Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Applicant must be a high school senior, a college student, a graduate student, or a technical/trade school student.
- ✓ Applicant must be attending or accepted at an accredited college/university or post-secondary technical/trade school.
- ✓ Verification of attendance/acceptance will be required of the winner only.
- ✓ Applicant cannot be an employee of UECU, its affiliates, a UECU Board Member, a Supervisory Committee Member, or a family member (i.e., parent, spouse, child, sibling, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, or cousin).
- ✓ Members who've won a scholarship through UECU's Scholarship Contest in the past three years are not eligible to participate.

## How to Apply

### Complete steps 1 and 2 by May 27, 2023

**Step 1: Create your scholarship entry** by explaining how you would make a positive impact in your community with \$1,000. You can use one of the ideas mentioned previously or pick one of your very own. For your entry, you can make a 2-3 minute video, OR write a 1-2 page summary, OR create a presentation (e.g., PowerPoint, etc.). Pick the type of entry you want to submit and get creative! We want to hear about how passionate you are about helping others.

**Step 2: Visit [uecu.org/scholarship](https://uecu.org/scholarship)** to access the online scholarship application. Complete the application and upload your entry by the scholarship deadline. (You'll be prompted to upload your entry when you're submitting the application.) *If you create your entry using Google Docs, please convert your entry to a PDF before uploading it to the scholarship site.*

**Scholarship Awards & Prizes:** Two winners will be selected in this year's scholarship contest, and each winner will be awarded a \$3,000 scholarship and a \$500 prize if they meet the scholarship eligibility requirements.

Scholarship checks are made payable to the college, university, or technical/trade school of choice in each winner's name by August 2024. The \$500 prizes will be issued as checks and made payable to each winner by August 2024.

**Deadline:** Completed scholarship applications and video/written/presentation submissions must be received by May 27, 2024.

**Entry Judging Criteria:** Entries will be judged on creativity, passion, clarity of thought, and quality of entry. Get creative and show us how much you care about those in need in your community.

**Winner Notification:** The winners will be notified by email and asked for verification of attendance or acceptance at an accredited college, university, or post-secondary technical/trade school. After all information is verified, a scholarship check will be distributed to the school of each winner. Scholarship funds may be used to pay tuition expenses while enrolled full-time.

The \$500 prize money will be mailed to each student winner so that they may use the funds to put their idea into action. The winners will be announced on the UECU website and in the October edition of UECU's *Member News*.

**Release:** All entries become the property of UECU, and by submitting the entry, you authorize the Credit Union to utilize all or a portion of the information for purposes of press releases and/or publication in UECU newsletters, website, and social media content, newspapers, trade magazines, etc., announcing the scholarship recipients' names, contents of the entries, and other reported information.

**About UECU:** UECU is committed to helping members financially succeed, which makes the Credit Union the perfect financial institution for young adults in college or about to enter the workforce. With money management tools, expert advice, and special financing options, you have everything you need to help you get started, including:

- Free Mobile App & Mobile Check Deposit
- Checking accounts with rewards and free debit card
- Visa's Practical Money Skills at <https://uecufinancialwellness.practicalmoneyskills.com/en>
- Auto loans and credit cards for first-time borrowers\*
- Student Choice Loan Program with affordable borrowing options for private student loans, trade school loans, and consolidation loans.\*

 **Student Choice** Learn more about your student loan options with UECU. [uecu.studentchoice.org](https://uecu.studentchoice.org)



Please direct questions about the Scholarship Contest to UECU at  
**800.288.6423 or [scholarship@uecu.org](mailto:scholarship@uecu.org).**



\*Approval based on credit review. Not all applicants will qualify for approval.