



# THEODORE COLOGIE Scholarship

OUR Credit Union members who are graduating High School:  
Class of 2026, are eligible for this scholarship.

## HOW TO APPLY

**Complete the application and return it with the other required documents. Two ways to submit:**

1. Email to: [marketing@ourcuonline.org](mailto:marketing@ourcuonline.org) (Subject line should include Scholarship Name and Last Name of Applicant)

2. Mail to: OUR Credit Union

c/o Marketing Department: Scholarships

3070 Normandy Road

Royal Oak, MI 48073

### - OUR CREDIT UNION USE ONLY -

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Code: \_\_\_\_\_

OUR Credit Union Account Number:

Name:	
Address:	City, State, ZIP:
Phone:	Email Address:
Date of Birth:	GPA:
High School Name:	HS Graduation Date:
Are you currently attending post secondary school?	
YES NO	
School you are attending or planning to attend:	
Course of Study:	
Future Occupation Desired:	
Reference (include Full Name, Phone Number and Email Address):	
Reference (include Full Name, Phone Number and Email Address):	
Signature:	Parent/Guardian Signature:

Selection will be made without regard to applicant's race, color, ethnic origin, religious beliefs, sex, gender, marital status, or physical ability. Applicant must be a member of OUR Credit Union. Applications must be postmarked/mailed by April 6, 2026. Applicant agrees to accept the decisions of OUR Credit Union as final. OUR Credit Union employees, board members and their immediate family members are not eligible. OUR Credit Union reserves the right to disqualify applicants who make any misrepresentations on their application or supporting documents. All applications and supporting documents will be kept confidential, become the property of the credit union and will not be returned.

By signing this application, I hereby authorize OUR Credit Union to photograph me and consent to the use of my likeness in any and all publications, educational materials, research, advertising, news media, video and Web materials. I understand and agree that such materials shall become and remain the sole property of OUR Credit Union. If applicant is a minor, consent must be agreed to in writing by a parent or legal guardian.

OUR Credit Union membership is open to anyone who lives in Michigan. If you have any questions about membership please contact our Membership Services department at 248.549.3838.

## GUIDELINES

OUR Credit Union will grant **three** \$1000 Scholarships to individuals who are part of the graduating Class of 2025. Those who meet the following criteria may apply:

1. Applicant must be a member of OUR Credit Union.\*
2. Applicant must be pursuing their education at an accredited institution, trade school, vocational school, community college or university.
3. Applicant must be accepted by the school and plan to be enrolled, at minimum, as a part-time student (6 credit hours).
4. Applicants who have been awarded an OUR Credit Union Scholarship in the past may not apply.

### **Please include the following items with your completed application:**

- ☐ One recent letter of recommendation
- ☐ Two non-family references (Listed on Application - Name, Phone and Email)
- ☐ 500 Word Essay - see below for details and topic
- ☐ List of Community Involvement and School Related Involvement

## COMMUNITY & SCHOOL RELATED INVOLVEMENT

Attach a separate piece of paper to complete the following.

### **Make a list of your involvement in school related and or community activities and volunteer programs.**

Please include dates/years involvement and/or hours completed. *Please feel free to include involvement details, such as specific tasks performed and/or any concluding thoughts or impressions of the activities or programs.*

## ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

The written recommendations can be from a past or present employer, coach, teacher, instructor, counselor, community leader, etc., but must be written by an unrelated adult. The letter should be recent, signed and address why the applicant deserves the scholarship as well as elaborate the applicant's character and accomplishments.

## ESSAY

Selection criteria will include: ideas/content, organization, sentence fluency, and grammar. The essay should be approximately 500 words, typed in 12 pt font.

**Essay Topic: Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.**

*All applications must be submitted to an OUR Credit Union Branch or via email: [marketing@ourcuonline.org](mailto:marketing@ourcuonline.org) by Saturday, April 6, 2026 at 1 pm (the close of business). Late applications will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

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**\*Applicants may not use a guardian's member number.**

*The scholarship recipient will be notified by May 8, 2026. This scholarship is available for tuition, books and fees. At OUR Credit Union's discretion, the scholarship will be paid directly to the educational institution the student is attending, the scholarship recipient, or recipient's guardian. The awards will be paid upon receiving a bill or paid receipt.*