



Garden Savings Federal Credit Union Scholarship Application 2026

The Award

Garden Savings Federal Credit Union's Scholarships are four separate \$500 book scholarships that will be awarded directly to our top four scoring applicants. These funds can be used toward tuitions, book purchases, or just to get a head start on a busy college career.

Eligibility

The applicant must be a member in good standing of Garden Savings Federal Credit Union as of 12/31/2025 and must be enrolled as a high school senior at the time of the application. Scholarship funds may be used as the student sees fit.

Application Process

Eligible members must complete this scholarship application in its entirety and return it to Garden Savings by the April 30, 2026 deadline. A student may submit only one application. The application must be completed and signed by the student and parent/guardian and authorized by an executive management-level official of the credit union (see page 2).

The signed and completed application must be submitted with the following:

- An official high school transcript that includes a cumulative GPA of completed marking periods as of date of submission. GPA must be NON-WEIGHTED on a 4.0 scale.
- The completed Teacher Reference portion of the application (see page 4). It must be completed and signed by one of the applicant's teachers.

The application (page 2 and 3 of this form), transcript, and Teacher Reference (page 4) must be returned to the credit union by the application deadline: April 30, 2026. If any portion of the application is incomplete or not included, the applicant will be disqualified.

Send completed applications to Garden Savings Federal Credit Union at:

129 Littleton Rd., Parsippany, NJ 07054 Attn: Scholarship Committee

Selection Process

Judging is based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, community service/involvement, references, and leadership roles. Students will be notified of the scholarship winners by June 1, 2026.

Application Verification (For Credit Union Use Only)

Application will not be considered unless this section is completed in full by the participating credit union's management.

I hereby certify that the following applicant is a credit union member in good standing.

Credit Union Official's Name: _____

Credit Union Name: Garden Savings Federal Credit Union

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scholarship Applicant Information

Applicant will not be eligible unless all information is completed and requested documentation is provided. Please type or print clearly. When filling in the information below, use only the space provided. Please do not attach any additional sheets or resumes to this application.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Name of High School: _____

Name of Institution You Plan to Attend: _____

Please fill in the appropriate box for the above-mentioned institution:

- 4-Year College/University Community College or Technical/Vocational School

Certification and Release Authorization

The application must be signed by both the student and the parent/guardian of the student before the applicant can be considered for a scholarship. Please have the appropriate parties sign and date below.

I certify that the information in this application is true, complete, and accurate and that I am a member in good standing of the above credit union. I authorize the release of my information for the purpose of confirming the validity of this application.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher Reference



Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Date: _____

The above named student is applying for a credit union college scholarship through Garden Savings Federal Credit Union. The student will be competing with students that are members or immediate family members of other members.

Please complete the questionnaire below by checking off the options that best describe the student's performance. When completed and signed, return the questionnaire to the student. If this questionnaire is not completed and signed, the applicant will not be eligible for the scholarship. The student must return the materials to his/her credit union by April 30, 2026. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please contact Member Development, MemberDevelopment@GardenSavingsFCU.com

1. Participation in Discussion

- Always involved, often initiates
- Usually participates
- Often participates
- Occasionally participates
- Seldom Participates

2. Involvement in Classroom Activities

- Very active in all activities
- Often active in some activities
- Somewhat active, politely attentive
- Distracted, seldom participates
- Greatly inattentive

3. Pursuit of Independent Study (work outside of the classroom)

- Substantial study and major projects
- Considerable study and/or major projects
- Some study and minor projects
- Minimal study or minor projects
- No evidence of independent study

4. Evenness of Performance

- Consistent, varies no more than one mark
- Occasionally varies more than one mark
- Uneven, often varies two marks
- Erratic, performance fluctuates greatly

5. Critical/Questioning Attitude

- High level of independent/critical thinking
- Moderate level of independent/critical thinking
- Mild level of independent or critical thinking
- Minimal critical thinking
- Little to no independent or critical thinking

6. Depth of Understanding

- Excellent insight
- Good understanding
- Some insight
- Little insight
- Poor understanding

7. Personal Responsibility

- Always fully accepts
- Usually fully accepts
- Partially accepts
- Sometimes refuses
- Often Refuses

8. Consideration for Others

- Always considerate
- Usually considerate
- Little consideration
- Sometimes inconsiderate
- Often inconsiderate

Comments: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Phone #: _____