



Advia Credit Union takes pride in supporting the educational goals of our members. We are committed to building long-lasting relationships with our members and contributing to the promotion of financial health for a lifetime. Giving back through our annual scholarship program is an example of this commitment.

\$1,000 Youth Scholarship Application Process

Please submit the following:

1. A complete online application; partial applications will not be reviewed. Access the application at adviacu.org/foundation
2. An essay either typed into the application or uploaded in a Word or PDF document (see instructions below).
3. Official high school transcript.
4. Letter or email of acceptance from an accredited college/university or trade school (copies only).
5. 1-3 sentences stating how the scholarship would help you achieve your future educational or career goals. This can be typed into the application.
6. 1-2 supporting documents explaining your leadership, community involvement, and/or academic achievements (copies only). Examples include letters of recommendation, article clippings, or certificates or awards.

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a member of Advia Credit Union in good standing.*
- Must be accepted for enrollment in a college or trade school (minimum 9 credit hours per semester).
- Graduating high school senior in 2021.
- All entries must be received by **March 12, 2021**.

Essay topic:

In 300 – 500 words, please answer the following question: **How did the COVID-19 pandemic affect your leadership drive, community involvement, and/or commitment to helping others?**

Process and judging:

- Complete application with all supporting materials must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. on March 12, 2021**.
- Applications must be completed online at adviacu.org/foundation. Mailed applications will not be reviewed. If you encounter an error or have questions, please email community@adviacu.org.
- Through mid-April the submitted applications are reviewed by a committee comprised of employees. The committee will use the following criteria in judging: leadership traits, academic accomplishments, community involvement, and essay quality.
- Scholarship applicants will be notified of award status on or before **April 30, 2021**.
- Scholarship checks and certificates will be awarded either at a school award ceremony or at a local Advia branch. Checks are made payable to the applicant and the school noted in the application. The check must be signed by the scholarship recipient and sent to the school to be deposited to pay toward tuition.

FAQs:

- **What happens if the student drops out of college?** Any remaining funds from the scholarship need to be refunded to Advia Credit Union.
- **What happens if the student transfers to a different school?** Any remaining funds from the scholarship should be returned to Advia Credit Union. Those funds will then be paid out to the new school.
- **Must the funds be used for tuition only?** Yes.
- **What if they postpone college for a year?** The funds must be returned to Advia Credit Union. A requirement of the scholarship is that they are enrolled at least 9 credit hours in the fall 2021 semester.
- **Can someone apply who is going for post-secondary or graduate school?** No, this is only for graduating high school seniors heading into their freshman year of college.

**Member in good standing is defined as not having a negative share account balance, and/or delinquency on an Advia CU loan, a dormant account status, or having any liens or judgments attached to their account. The applicant must have an account in his/her own name prior to application deadline; listing account of a parent or guardian account does not qualify.*

The Advia Foundation reserves the right to modify or eliminate the Scholarship Program at any time without notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any award due and payable under the program prior to such modification or elimination shall continue to be payable according to the program's terms in effect at the time the Advia Foundation made the grant. All entries shall become the property of the Advia Foundation. Advia Foundation and Advia Credit Union do not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, age, national origin, disability or any other status or condition protected by law. Funds forfeited if not used within 1 year. The awards are intended to constitute qualified scholarships exempt from federal income tax under Section 117 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.