



2026 LBS Financial Credit Union

Scholarship Program

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Eligibility

- The student must be a Member of LBS Financial Credit Union and in good standing prior to submitting a scholarship entry form.
- The student must be enrolled as a high school senior or in their freshman to junior year at an accredited college at the time of application.
- High school sophomore or juniors may apply if they are dual-enrolled at an accredited college at the time of application.
- Scholarship funds must be used at an accredited educational institution by January 31, 2027 for tuition and text books only.
- Employees, volunteers, immediate family members of LBS Financial, and past LBS Financial scholarship winners are not eligible to participate.

Entry Requirements

- Student must submit a signed and sealed official high school or college transcript.
- Student must submit a letter of recommendation from a school official.
- Student must submit a typed response to the two essay questions.
- Student must complete and sign an official entry form.

Application Process

- Eligible Members may request an official scholarship entry form:
 - Online at lbsfcu.org
 - By calling Ricardo Gutierrez at 562.598.9007, ext 5117
 - Via email to rgutierrez@lbsfcu.org
 - In person at any branch location
- Application deadline is **Thursday, April 2, 2026**, end of business day (or postmarked by April 2, 2026)

Application Deadline:

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Judging

- LBS Financial Credit Union Marketing Department selects panel of impartial judges
- Judging criteria includes essay, academic performance, extracurricular and community activities, references, financial need, and personal goals
- Entries must be postmarked by Thursday, April 2, 2026
- Judging concludes Thursday, May 14, 2026
- Scholarship winner will be notified by Thursday, May 21, 2026
- Scholarship Review Committee decisions are final
- All scholarship entries become the exclusive property of LBS Financial Credit Union
- Entries must be postmarked by April 2, 2026 and sent to:
LBS Financial Credit Union
Attn: Marketing Department
P.O. Box 4860,
Long Beach, CA 90804

Award Requirements

- Winner must begin studies by January 31, 2027.
- Scholarship funds to be paid to scholarship recipient within one month of receiving proof of enrollment at an accredited college for the following academic school year.
- Funds may only be used for tuition and text books.

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Official Scholarship Application**I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Length of CU Membership: _____ Account #: _____

1st Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

2nd Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

II. HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

III. COLLEGE INFORMATION

Name of College you plan to attend or attending: _____

Major: _____

Minor: _____

Have you been accepted? Yes No

Anticipated Graduation Year: _____

IV. STUDENT BIOGRAPHY

Submit a student resume discussing the item listed below.

- School activities you are/were involved in
- Leadership roles
- Awards and honors
- Employment
- Community service work
- Special interest and hobbies

*Official Transcript:**Signed and sealed***V. DOCUMENTATION**

Please attach the following to your application:

- Most recent transcript (must be official, signed, and sealed).
- Letter of recommendation from a school official.

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VI. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Approximate cost of one year's tuition: _____

Sources of Income:

Approximate yearly wages: _____

Approximate private and public loans: _____

Value of other scholarships won: _____

Other income sources: _____

Have you applied for other financial aid? Yes No

Explain any unique financial circumstances: _____

VII. ESSAY QUESTIONS

Your essays must be type written and approximately one page in length (300-550 words per essay response).
Submit your response on a separate piece of paper. Be sure to include your name on the essay.

Please answer the following questions (it is required that you complete both essay questions to be considered for a scholarship):

- What are your career goals and how do you plan to achieve them? What has influenced your career decisions?
- What distinguishes LBS Financial Credit Union from other financial institutions? (i.e. ownership, structure, personal experience)

Application Verification - For Credit Union Use Only

I hereby certify that the applicant is an LBS Financial Credit Union Member, and is in good standing.

Credit Union Official: _____

Signature Date

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CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

The information below must be completed before the applicant can be considered for a scholarship.

I certify that this information is true, complete and accurate and that the attached essays are my original work. I understand that all submitted materials become the property of LBS Financial Credit Union for whatever use it deems appropriate. I agree to cooperate with LBS Financial Credit Union in promotional activities related to the scholarship competition, and should I be selected a winner, to use my name and photo in promotional activities. I authorize the release of this information to confirm/verify this application.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if a minor)

Date

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
(OR POSTMARKED) BY

Thursday, April 2, 2026

JUDGING WILL CONCLUDE BY

Thursday, May 14, 2026

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY

Thursday, May 21, 2026

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO
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CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS

All items on this checklist must be submitted by Thursday, April 2, 2026. Applicants must submit the completed package to LBS Financial Credit Union, Attn: Marketing Department, P.O. Box 4860, Long Beach, CA 90804.



Official Scholarship Application

Must be completed by the applicant and signed by a Credit Union official to verify eligibility. A Credit Union official will verify eligibility when you turn in the packet to a branch or when mailed in.



Official High School or College Transcript

Official high school transcript as of the end of the 1st semester of the 12th grade or college transcript at time of application. Must be signed and sealed to be official.



Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation must be provided from a school official (i.e. teacher, counselor, advisor, coach, principal, etc.).



Scholarship Essays

Two completed essays that includes your name and printed on separate pages. Each essay should be about one page in length (300-550 words each).



Certification and Release Authorization

This section must be signed and dated by the applicant. If the applicant is a minor at the time of applying, a signature from a parent/guardian is required.



Student Resume

Attach a student resume that discusses any school activities you are/were involved in, leadership roles, awards and honors, employment, community service work, or special interest and hobbies.