



Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in Velocity Credit Union's 2026 scholarship program! Attached is the application. Please fill it out, include all required documents, and mail everything to:

Attn: Scholarships. The address is on page three of the application. Be sure your application is postmarked by **April 30, 2026**—we can't accept any late or incomplete submissions.

We're offering three \$5,000 scholarships, including one for a Velocity employee's child, if applicable. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic performance, financial need, and involvement in school and community activities. Our scholarship committee will review all applications in May, and winners will be notified in early June. Scholarships are typically awarded later that month, once high school graduation is confirmed.

To qualify, applicants must meet these requirements:

- Be a member in good standing of Velocity Credit Union, with a personal share account (balance of \$5.00 or more) for at least six months before the application deadline. Parents' accounts don't count.
- Be a graduate of an accredited high school in the greater Austin area in the 2025-2026 academic year.
- Be accepted to an accredited college, university, or equivalent institution as a freshman for the fall 2026 semester by April 1, 2026.
- Show potential to contribute to society and demonstrate positive character traits.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, or school officials. These can be sent with the application or separately by **April 30, 2026**.
(Requirements subject to change.)

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Jorge Reynoso at 737-237-1531 or 800-933-2029, ext. 1531. We look forward to receiving your application and wish you the best of luck in your academic journey!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alan Nykiel". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue rectangular background.

Alan Nykiel
Senior Vice President, Marketing



Scholarship Application

SECTION I: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (Please type or print clearly using black ink and do not staple.)

Name (first, middle, last): _____ Velocity Member Number: _____
Email: _____ Phone Number: _____
Home Address: _____
Parent 1: _____ Occupation: _____ Work Phone: _____
Parent 2: _____ Occupation: _____ Work Phone: _____
Number of dependent children in household: _____ Ages of dependent children: _____
Is your parent or legal guardian employed by Velocity Credit Union? (Y/N) _____
If yes, please provide their name: _____

SECTION II: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

List sources of family income below:

Parent 1 annual gross salary: \$ _____

Parent 2 annual gross salary: \$ _____

List sources of other income below. _____

Amount \$ _____ Source: _____

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List monthly obligations below:

Mortgage payment or rent \$ _____

Automobile payment \$ _____

Credit card/loan \$ _____

Credit card/loan \$ _____

List other major obligations.

\$ _____ Type of obligation: _____

\$ _____ Type of obligation: _____

Assets: cash, savings, checking balances \$ _____

Home value, if owned \$ _____ Unpaid Mortgage \$ _____

Have you received other financial aid for college? _____ If yes, please explain: _____

Use this section to provide information regarding your and/or your parents'/legal guardians' financial status that may be important to the selection committee. Attach separate pages, if necessary.



SECTION III: SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

Attach copy of official high school transcript.

High School Name: _____ School Phone Number: _____

School Address: _____

Projected class rank and size of graduating class: _____ (ex. 25/325)

What percentile? _____ Grade point average (current)? _____

List high school courses which you feel have prepared you for college. In addition, give an estimate of the amount of credit received for these courses or the amount of time spent on the courses.

College/University you plan to attend: _____ Location: _____

Have you been accepted? _____ What is your declared/planned major? _____

Where do you plan live while attending college? _____

List your extracurricular school activities (debate, drama, music, art, student government, sports, etc.):

SECTION IV: OTHER ACTIVITIES

Please attach a separate page with your responses to the following requests:

List your community volunteer activities (charity/hospital work, community outreach programs, volunteer organizations, place of worship, etc.):

List and describe any jobs you have held in the past four years and length of employment.

Is there other information that you feel would be helpful to the Selection Committee in evaluating you and comparing you with other applicants for a Velocity Credit Union scholarship?

SECTION V: PERSONAL STATEMENT (IMPORTANT)

Please write and attach a biographical statement describing your background, future plans, career goals, and why you would like to be considered for a scholarship. This statement is heavily weighted in the evaluation of your application, therefore, please give special consideration to its organization, content, and structure. (500 word minimum)



SECTION VI: SCHOOL RECORDS AND INFORMATION RELEASE

Secondary School Report Release Authorization for scholarship applicant

(print applicant's name): _____

To comply with the Federal Privacy Rights of Parents and Students Act, a school must obtain a signed authorization before it can release student information for use in this scholarship program. Permission is hereby given to school officials to release secondary school records and other requested information for consideration in the Velocity Credit Union Scholarship Program.

By signing this form, I hereby grant Velocity Credit Union permission to use my name and school affiliation in press releases and other print or digital media.

I am at least 18 years of age and competent to sign this release. If I am under 18 years of age, my parent/guardian's signature will also be included. I understand its content, and I freely accept the terms.

Student signature

Date

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

SECTION VII: SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS (To be completed by high school teacher or counselor.)

Please submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, or other school officials who are familiar with your scholastic performance, capabilities, and character. The letters should contain the following information:

- The name of the teacher/counselor submitting the recommendation
- The nature of the relationship between the student and the person submitting the recommendation
- The length of time that the teacher/counselor has known the student
- The name of the subjects taught by the teacher submitting the recommendation, if any

PLEASE ATTACH THE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO THIS APPLICATION.

SECTION VIII: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

I certify that the above information disclosed in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

After completing and signing this application, return it along with TRANSCRIPT FROM GRADES 9 THROUGH 12 to the address shown below. This application must be mailed and postmarked no later than April 30, 2026.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, VELOCITY CREDIT UNION, P. O. BOX 1089, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78767-1089



CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please review the checklist provided. Only completed applications with all requested documentation will be reviewed. All incomplete applications will not be considered for the scholarships. If you have any questions, please call Jorge Reynoso at 737.237.1531.

- _____ Are you graduating high school in the 2025-2026 school year?
- _____ Are you a member in good standing at Velocity Credit Union? Remember, you must have a share (savings) account in *your* name (not your parents' name) to be a member of Velocity Credit Union.
- _____ Are the necessary signatures provided on page 3?
- _____ Are two letters of recommendation included?
- _____ Did you include a copy of your official high school transcript?
- _____ Have you been accepted to an accredited college, university or equivalent institution for the fall of 2026?

If you have answered “no” to any of these questions, your application is incomplete. Please make sure all requests are included and postmarked by April 30, 2026, to ensure that your application will be considered.