



## 2025 PriorityONE Credit Union of Florida Scholarship

The PriorityONE Credit Union of Florida Scholarship was established to help PriorityONE Credit Union Members, which are graduating high school seniors, work toward their first undergraduate degree or technical certificate.

### SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

PriorityONE Credit Union (POCU) will award up to four scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each. Eligible students need to be enrolled in a technical school, college, or university for the 2024-2025 academic year. The scholarship may not exceed the cost of education billed by the school. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school. If tuition was paid thru other Scholarships, this scholarship may be used for books. Receipts are required for Reimbursement.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

To be considered, applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 if attending a technical school, college or university. Applicants will be evaluated on the following equally weighted categories:

- Essay
- Academics, Leadership Awards, or Recognitions
- Community service, volunteer work, or employment
- School Activities
- Letter of Recommendation

### AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIP

The final decision will be made by the POCU Scholarship Selection Committee. All decisions of the committee are final. Decisions will be made and the winners will be announced at POCU Annual Scholarship Luncheon, scheduled for May 2025. Date and venue will be announced. The Scholarship winner and/or parents are required to be present at the Annual Luncheon.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The Applicant and/or Applicant's Parents must be a primary member of POCU, must have joined POCU before December 31, 2024, and accounts must be in good standing. For verification of your membership status, please call 954-335-5100.

2. The Applicant must be a graduating high school senior with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average. The applicant must show enrollment into a technical school, college, or university for the upcoming academic year.
3. Selection Committee Members, and their families are not eligible. Previous scholarship winners are not eligible.

#### APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT

1. A GPA approval document from the school (copy of latest report card or letter signed by the school counselor). This must be received by POCU directly from the school in a sealed envelope by the close of business on April 15, 2025. The total cumulative GPA must be included on the documentation. POCU will not calculate your grade point average.
2. A completed PriorityONE Credit Union Scholarship application.
3. An essay on the following topic: Reflect your personal point of view on your long-range goals and what you need to learn to achieve them. The essay must contain between 300 and 500 words. The applicant's name should NOT appear in or on the essay. Essays will be judged on how well the topic is addressed, as well as grammar and spelling. The essay should be printed on 8½ x 11 white paper. Your essay must be typed, double-spaced and fit on 1 page.
4. Letter of recommendation from non-family member.

#### SUBMISSION INFORMATION

It is the applicant's responsibility to see that the transcript, application, and essay are received by the deadline. Scholarship applications will not be considered unless all required information is received.

**IMPORTANT:** Failure to follow instructions will disqualify you.

- Include an original copy of your application and your essay
- Do not send in any part of the application package separately, except for your GPA approval documentation from the school.
- Do not include any extra materials
- Do not staple any part of the application (please use paper clips)

Mail or Deliver to:

PriorityONE Credit Union of Florida Scholarship  
Attention: Dianna McKenzie-Baine  
3000 N University Dr.  
Sunrise, FL 33322-1611

#### DEADLINE

Applications must be hand delivered or mailed to POCU by 4:30 p.m. April 15, 2025. POCU will not be responsible for lost, delayed or misdirected mail. Faxes will not be accepted. Be sure to sign and date your forms before sending. Not doing so will result in your application being disqualified.



## 2025 PriorityONE Credit Union of Florida Scholarship Application

Before completing the application, please check eligibility requirements and instructions. You and/or your parents must be a PriorityONE Credit Union of Florida Member to apply. Failure to follow all instructions may result in your application being disqualified.

**Be Sure to:**

- Sign and date the application.
- Include an original copy of your completed application and an original copy of your essay.
- Request official proof of GPA to be mailed by your school in a sealed envelope to PriorityONE Credit Union. The official proof must be received by PriorityONE Credit Union directly from the school.
- Include a Letter of Recommendation

Please type or print all information. Scholarship applications are current only for the academic year submitted.

**PLEASE USE ONLY THE SPACE PROVIDED. DO NOT INCLUDE EXTRA MATERIALS.**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2025 4:30 P.M.**

Mr.  Ms.  Mrs.  Name \_\_\_\_\_  
POCU Member# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
High School You Now Attend \_\_\_\_\_  
Technical, College, or University You Plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_  
Field of Study/Major \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of hours per semester you plan to take \_\_\_\_\_

