River Valley Credit Union's
Next Step Scholarship

Get ready to take your next step after high school!

River Valley Credit Union is offering **$1,000 scholarships** to help our members continue their education — whether that means **college, university, trade school, or another accredited program**.

Show us your creativity and share how credit unions make a difference! You can apply for **either our essay or video scholarship — or both.**

Who Can Apply

- Open to **high school seniors** who are **members of River Valley Credit Union** in good standing.

Scholarship Awards

- The **top three essay** entries and **top three video** entries will each receive **$1,000.**
- Scholarship funds can be used toward **any accredited higher education program**.

How to Apply

Option 1 – Essay Scholarship

Write a short essay (**250 words or fewer**) explaining **how being a member of River Valley Credit Union benefits you and your future.**

Option 2 – Video Scholarship

Create a short (**2-minute**) video showing **why a credit union is better than a bank.**
Post your video on Instagram, TikTok, or YouTube and include the link with your application.

Then:

- Fill out this application form.
- Submit your essay or video link by **uploading it to our website**, **mailing it**, or **emailing it.**

📪 **RVCU Scholarship Fund**, PO Box 160, Lowell, MI 49331

📧 **scholarships@myrivervalleycu.org**

🌐 **myrivervalleycu.org**

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Please fill out this form and return it with your essay.

Date:
Full Name:
Phone:
Address:
City & State:
Zip Code:

Current High School Information

High School Name:
City & State:

Future Education Information

School Name:
Field of Study:

📅 **Deadline:** Applications must be **received or postmarked by Friday, February 5, 2027.**

Selection & Notification

A panel of judges will carefully review all entries.
Winners will be notified by **mid-March**.

Scholarship Payment

Winners will receive their scholarship funds after providing a **receipt for education-related expenses.**
Funds will be issued directly to the student to support their next step in higher education.

Certification

By submitting this application, I confirm that all the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____