



Financial Resources Foundation 2026 Scholarship Application

The Scholarship

The Financial Resources Foundation Scholarship is a monetary award to be paid jointly to the winning student(s) and the student's chosen accredited educational institution.

The Foundation will award up to three \$1,000 Scholarships

- Lena Matthews Annual Scholarship to honor community service & dedication
- General Member Scholarship
- Champion Family Scholarship to honor members or family members of first responders

Eligibility

The applicant, parent(s) or guardian must be a member in good standing with Financial Resources Federal Credit Union and the applicant must be enrolled as a high school senior at the time the application is submitted. The Scholarship funds must be used for tuition or textbooks and only at an accredited educational institution (2- or 4-year college, university or technical school). The scholarship contest is **not** open to associates or directors of Financial Resources or their immediate family members (parents, spouses, siblings and/or children).

Application Process

Applicants must complete the entire scholarship application.
A student may submit only one application.

The signed application must be submitted with the following:

- An official high school transcript. (Transcript must be NON-WEIGHTED on a 4.0 scale).
- An SAT/ACT transcript provided through the student's school guidance office. Students who are not required to take either the SAT or ACT do not need to provide any test paperwork and the absence of their scores will not count against them in the scholarship consideration process.
- The completed Teacher Reference portion of the application must be completed by one of the applicant's teachers and returned in a sealed, signed envelope.

Judging Process

Judging will be based on academic performance, community service/involvement, teacher reference, and personal goals.

Application Process

Entries must be postmarked no later than **April 1, 2026**. Please mail to the address below:

Financial Resources FCU
Attention: Marketing
3040 Route 22 West, Building 2
Branchburg, NJ 08876

All materials must be returned by the deadline. If any portion is missing (excluding the SAT/ACT transcript for those not required to submit it), the application will be ineligible.

Application Verification

(For Credit Union Use Only)

I hereby certify that the following applicant, parent(s) or guardian is a credit union member in good standing.

Financial Resources FCU Official's Name: _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

Scholarship Applicant Information

To be eligible, applicant must complete all forms and provide all requested documentation.

Please type or print clearly and use only the space provided. Please do not attach any additional sheets or resumes to this application.

Name: _____

Street Address _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Name of High School: _____

Name of Institution You Plan to Attend: _____

Please fill in the appropriate box for the above-mentioned institution:

University

Community College

Technical / Trade School

Have you been accepted? Yes No

Scholarship You're Applying For:

(You can choose more than one Scholarship to apply for)

Lena Matthews Annual Scholarship

General Member Scholarship

Champion Family Scholarship

Certification and Release Authorization

The application **MUST** be signed by both the student and the parent/guardian of the student.

Entry constitutes permission to use the winner's name and/or likeness, and associated application materials and information for promotional use without remuneration.

I certify that the information in this application is complete, true and accurate. I authorize the release of my information for the purpose of confirming the validity of this application.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian (Please print): _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date:_____

Tell us about yourself...

Answer the following questions using only the space provided.

What academic achievements have you made? What awards have you received?

[illegible]

What type(s) of community service have you been involved in?

[illegible]

Tell us about yourself...

Answer the following questions using only the space provided.

What goals (personal, academic, etc.) will receiving a college education help you achieve?

Teacher Reference

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Student's Name: _____ Date: _____ The

student named above is applying for the Financial Resources Foundation 2026 college scholarship award. Please complete the questionnaire below by checking off the options that best describe the student. Then please return the completed questionnaire to the student in an official sealed and signed envelope. If this questionnaire is not completed, signed and placed in an official sealed and signed envelope, the applicant will not be eligible. Students must return the materials to Financial Resources by **April 1, 2026**. If you have any questions, please contact Financial Resources by email at marketing@finresc.org or call 908.253.6482.

1. Involvement in Classroom Activities

Very active in all activities
Somewhat active, politely attentive
Seldom participates
Greatly inattentive

2. Participation in Discussion

Always involved, often initiates
Often participates
Occasionally participates
Seldom Participates

3. Depth of Understanding

Excellent insight
Good understanding
Some insight
Poor understanding

4. Evenness of Performance

Consistent, varies no more than one mark
Occasionally varies more than one
Uneven, often varies two marks
Erratic, performance fluctuates greatly

5. Critical/Questioning Attitude

High level of independent/critical thinking
Moderate level of independent/critical thinking
Mild level of independent or critical thinking
Minimal critical thinking

6. Pursuit of Independent Study

Substantial study and major projects
Some study and minor projects
Minimal study or minor projects
No evidence of independent study

7. Personal Responsibility

Always fully accepts
Usually fully accepts
Partially accepts
Often refuses

Why is this student a good candidate for the scholarship?

Teacher's Name (Please print): _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Telephone #: _____