



Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in Educators Credit Union's Raphael "Ralph" Barksdale Jr. Memorial Scholarship program. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must be members of Educators Credit Union or a dependent of an Educators Credit Union member, and currently enrolled in their final year of high school (senior).

Twelve (12) scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded based on scholastic achievement and community involvement. An unbiased Scholarship Committee made up of credit union officials will judge the applicants. Funds will be applied toward tuition for the academic school sessions of Summer or Fall 2026 or Spring 2027.

Follow all directions completely and carefully. Your transcript and both letters of recommendation must be included in the envelope with the completed scholarship application. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

February 7, 2026 is the final day applications will be accepted. Please bring the application to the credit union at 501 W. State Highway 6, Waco or mail it early to ensure delivery to the credit union before the deadline. The mailing address is: Educators Credit Union Scholarship, PO Box 20728, Waco, TX 76702-0728. Applications received after Feb. 7, 2026 will be disqualified.

Scholarships will be awarded at the Educators Credit Union Annual Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM, at the MCC Conference Center. Selected recipients will be notified prior to this day and should plan to attend the meeting.

Again, thank you for your interest in the Educators Credit Union Scholarship, and good luck!

Sincerely,

Educators Credit Union
Scholarship Committee

**EDUCATORS CREDIT UNION'S
RALPHAEL "RALPH" BARKSDALE JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Application Eligibility and Instructions

1. Applicant must be an Educators Credit Union member or a dependent of a member.
2. Applicant must be currently enrolled in their final year of high school (senior).
3. Applicant must provide a copy of his/her most recent high school transcript showing applicant's class rank.
4. Applicant must provide a copy of his/her SAT and/or ACT and/or TSI score(s).
5. Applicant must include a typed essay describing future aspirations in at least 250 words. Include your interests, goals and planned field of study.
6. Applicant must provide two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty and/or staff at applicant's high school. Letters of recommendation must be written by someone other than relatives of the applicant or members of ECU's Scholarship Committee.
7. Applicant may include, if appropriate, any other family or financial information of which the Scholarship Committee should be aware.
8. Applications **will not** be accepted under any circumstances after February 7, 2026. If mailing application, allow ample time for any delays in the mail system. (No exceptions made for delayed arrival of applications through mail system.)
9. All scholarship materials must be turned in at the same time and sealed together in one envelope. No partial applications will be accepted.
10. Scholarship applications can be mailed or delivered to our Main Office.

Mail completed application to: Educators Credit Union Scholarship PO Box 20728 Waco, TX 76702	Deliver completed application to: Educators Credit Union Scholarship 501 W. State Hwy 6 Waco, TX 76710
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11. **Failure to follow all instructions could cause disqualification.**

Please provide all of the following information.

Name _____
Last First Middle initial

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Cell #: _____ Social Security No. _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth _____ High School currently attending _____

Grade Point Average _____ What college will you be attending? _____

How do you qualify? ☐ Member Account Number _____
☐ Dependent of Member Account Number _____

List any extra-curricular activities, school or community. (an extra page may be attached)

List honors and awards, school and community. (an extra page may be attached)

Will you have earned any semester hours via dual credits? If so, how many? _____

Do you plan to work while attending college? _____ Anticipated hours per week _____

Are you currently employed? Where? _____

Parents' combined annual income _____ Student's annual income _____

Do you anticipate receiving any other scholarship assistance? If yes, list total amount (a "yes" answer does not disqualify you from ECU's scholarship). _____

Parents' Names _____

Number of dependent children in family. _____ Ages _____

Number of children in your family currently attending college _____

I certify that the information reported above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Student Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date