



# **Chen-Del-O Federal Credit Union**

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TO: All Scholarship Applicants  
FROM: Angela Bankowski, Chen-Del-O FCU  
Scholarship Award Program Coordinator  
Date: October 1, 2025

RE: Instructions to apply for a Chen-Del-O Credit Union Scholarship Award

1. Complete the applicant section and sign. Make sure you have completed the essay.
2. Have a parent or legal guardian sign the application.
3. Have a teacher complete the reference section and sign. If they are attaching a letter, please make sure that it is an actual signature not a typed name.
4. Ask your Guidance Department for a copy of your transcript and SAT or ACT scores. If your transcript does not include a straight (not weighted) grade point average as of the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade, ask the Guidance Department to add this piece of information to the transcript.
5. Submit all of the information to the Credit Union no later than the close of business on FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Emailed copy is ok. [abankowski@chendelo.org](mailto:abankowski@chendelo.org) (no faxes please)

This application gives you the opportunity to win one of three \$1,000.00 Scholarship Awards!!

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF CHEN-DEL-O FEDERAL CREDIT UNION TO APPLY. IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER, CONTACT THE CREDIT UNION AT THE PHONE/ADDRESS ABOVE TO FIND OUT WHAT IS NECESSARY TO BECOME A MEMBER!!

All scholarships are sent out for review of final winners

PLEASE CONTACT THE CREDIT UNION WITH ANY QUESTIONS AND GOOD LUCK!!

Sincerely,

Angela Bankowski, COO



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## **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2026**

- **The Award**

The Chen-Del-O Federal Credit Union Scholarship is an award of \$1,000.00 which will be paid directly to the student upon proof of attending their 2<sup>nd</sup> college semester.

- **Eligibility**

The applicant **must be a member** in good standing of Chen-Del-O Federal Credit Union at the time of application and at the time of the award. The member must be a college bound high school senior at the time of application.

- **Application Process**

Eligible members must complete this scholarship application.

Check each task after completion

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The application **must** be signed by a credit union management-level employee in order to verify eligibility.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The signed application must be submitted together with:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ A high school transcript.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ An SAT/PSAT/ACT transcript (Obtained through your high school guidance office)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The applicant and his/her parent or guardian must sign the Certification and release Authorization on the back page of this form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The application, transcript and essay must be returned by the application deadline. If any portion is incomplete or not included, the application will not be considered.

- **Selection Process**

Judging will be based on both subjective criteria and weighted, objective criteria. These include academic performance, essay, community activities and personal goals.

- **Application Deadline**

Application must be returned to the credit union no later than Friday, March 13, 2026.

- **Scholarship Applicant Information**

Applicant will not be considered unless all information is completed in full and all requested documentation is provided. Please type or print clearly, and answer the following questions completely.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name of Institution You Plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

- **Honors and Awards**

*Examples: National Honor Society, Principal's Awards, College Book Awards, Student/Athlete Awards, Empire State Games Team, Eagle Scout Classification.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

- **Curricular, Extracurricular, Community Services, Employment**

*(>10 hours/week)*

*Example: Language clubs, drama/choral groups, Math Counts, sports teams, church or religious youth groups, community volunteerism, part-time jobs, youth counseling.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

- **Leadership Positions Held (Elected or Appointed, max. 5)**

*Examples: Student Government officer, Youth Court Official, Scouting team leader, Club Officer*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

- **Essay Information**

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following question. Your response should be 200-300 words. **Please type your responses-points will be deducted if responses are not typed.**

**Question: How will a college education/experience help you to contribute to society?**

- **Teacher's Reference**

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Dear Teacher,

The above-named credit union member is applying for a college scholarship through the Chen-Del-O Federal Credit Union. He/she will be competing with other members from Chen-Del-O FCU. Please provide your letter of recommendation in the space below and sign. If you prefer, attach a typewritten letter with a signature. The member must return the material to the credit union by March 13, 2026. Thank you for your cooperation.

[illegible]

Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

- **Certification and Release Authorization**

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for scholarship awards.

*I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application.*

Member's Signature (student)\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- **Application and Release Authorization**

***For Credit Union Use Only.*** Application will not be considered unless this section is completed in full by sponsoring credit union management.

I hereby certify that the following applicant is a credit union member in good standing.

CU Manager's Name\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_