



2026 Scholarship Application

Empowering Members to Pursue Education and Opportunity

BlueOx Credit Union, a division of Ignite Credit Union, is proud to award six (6) \$1,000 scholarships to members who are furthering their education at an accredited college, university, or trade school. We believe in supporting individuals who exemplify our values—putting people first, leading with authenticity and respect, empowering through education, being unstoppable, and creating positive energy.

Applicant Information

Full Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Member Number _____

(Applicants must be members to qualify.)

Education Information

Current or Most Recent School Attended _____

Highest Level of Education Completed _____

Unweighted GPA _____ ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____

Transcript Attached ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, explain _____

College, University, or Trade School You Attend/Plan to Attend _____

Program of Study or Major _____

Expected Start Date _____ Transcript Attached ☐ Yes ☐ No

Enrollment Status for Upcoming Term ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

Employment & Involvement

Employer (if applicable) _____

Position _____ Dates of Employment _____

Community Involvement or Volunteer Activities (list organizations, roles, and participation dates)

Extracurricular or Personal Projects (if applicable) _____

Essay (Required)

Please attach or upload a typed essay of at least 500 words responding to the following prompt:

Describe how you live out the core values of BlueOx Credit Union, a division of Ignite Credit Union:

- Put People First
- Lead with Authenticity and Respect
- Empower Through Education
- Be Unstoppable
- Create Positive Energy

You may include examples from your education, career path, or community involvement, and share how this scholarship would help you reach your goals.

Supporting Documents

Please include the following with your application:

- ☐ Most recent transcript (official or unofficial accepted)
- ☐ Proof of enrollment or acceptance from your college, university, or trade school
- ☐ Completed and signed application form
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, employers, co-workers, etc. (Letters from family and friends will not be accepted.)

Certification and Signature

By signing below, I certify that all information provided is accurate and complete. I understand that any false or misleading information may result in disqualification. I also understand that my application will

not be considered if it is not fully complete, including the required supporting documentation.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____ Date _____

Media Release (Optional)

I grant BlueOx Credit Union, a division of Ignite Credit Union, permission to use my name, photo, and/or essay excerpts for promotional purposes if selected as a scholarship recipient.

☐ Yes, I consent

☐ No, I do not consent

Signature _____ Date _____

TERMS, CONDITIONS, and SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

A complete BlueOx Credit Union, a division of Ignite Credit Union, Scholarship Application Packet must include a completed application form, two current letters of recommendation, an official acceptance letter from the accredited college, university, or trade school the applicant plans to attend, and a typed, double-spaced essay. Applications missing any required component will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed. Applications must be submitted no earlier than December 1, 2025 and no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on March 1, 2026; late or incomplete submissions will not be considered. Scholarship recipients may receive the award only once, though applicants who are not selected may reapply in future years. Employees, interns, and volunteers of BlueOx Credit Union or any division of Ignite Credit Union, as well as their immediate family members, are not eligible. Recipients will be selected without regard to age, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Applications will be reviewed holistically based on alignment with Ignite Credit Union's values, educational goals and motivation, community involvement, personal growth, and the effort and authenticity demonstrated in the essay, along with the strength of supporting documents. The scholarship committee will consist of at least three (3) Ignite Credit Union employees; all decisions of the selection committee are final. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide accurate information so that scholarship funds may be paid directly to the institution they will attend. If the recipient does not enroll for the semester in which the scholarship is awarded, the scholarship will be forfeited. Awards are non-transferable, and recipients are responsible for any tax obligations. BlueOx Credit Union, a division of Ignite Credit Union, reserves the right to disqualify applicants who provide false or misleading information and may amend, suspend, or cancel the scholarship program at any time, including the right not to award a scholarship, if circumstances warrant. Completed applications and all required materials must be submitted by the deadline to marketing@ignitecreditunion.com or delivered to one of our branch locations: Battle Creek (115 Riverside Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49015); Albion (200 W. Cass Street, Albion, MI 49224); Portage iBranch (3070 W. Centre Avenue, Portage, MI 49024); Coldwater (415 N. Willowbrook Road, Coldwater, MI 49036); Jackson (408 E. Ganson Street, Jackson, MI 49201); or Sterling Heights (39900 Van Dyke Avenue, Sterling Heights, MI 48313).