



About SCU Community Foundation

What is it?

At Sooper Credit Union, we believe in giving back and supporting our community. That's why we created The SCU Community Foundation; a way for us to focus and direct our philanthropic efforts for the credit union and use them exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

The SCU Community Foundation was incorporated in January 2009 by the Sooper Credit Union Board of Directors, and The Foundation was granted its 501(c)(3) designation by the Internal Revenue Service in April 2009. The Foundation Board is comprised of seven members. Three of the Board members represent the credit union and four are community leaders from Arvada, where the credit union's corporate office is located.

Who do we help?

Each year, the SCU Community Foundation provides \$10,000 in scholarships to young members of the credit union to assist in furthering their education. The Foundation also assists many community organizations, such as food banks, sponsors events, and supports a variety of shelters in the metro area.

Application Information

Thank you for your interest in the SCU Community Foundation College Scholarship Program! Attached is an application for you to complete and sign. Please take a few moments to review the requirements, process and instructions before you begin completing the application.

Requirements:

- Applicant must be a Sooper Credit Union member as of January 1, 2019 and in good standing. (*Account may not be dormant.*)
- You must be a student, or accepted to an accredited two- or four-year college/university to be eligible for a scholarship.
- Incomplete or late scholarship applications will not be considered.

Process:

1. Application forms will be available at soopercu.org by January 1, 2019.
2. **Applications must be completed and received by the credit union no later than March 15, 2019.**
Please mail to:
SCU Community Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Committee
5005 W 60th Ave
Arvada, CO 80003
3. A scholarship review committee appointed by the Foundation board will meet to review applications and select finalists.
4. Recipients will be notified by letter no later than May 1, 2019.
5. Scholarship funds will be mailed to the school.

Instructions:

1. Complete the entire application form by preparing written responses to all sections and questions.
2. Include the following documentation with your application:
 - **Personal statement** (*In 500 words or less, write an essay on your Personal and Career Goals. Be sure to identify your special interest and provide information relevant to your probable achievement of these goals e.g. educational accomplishments, volunteer work and work experience. Please print your essay, double-spaced, on a separate sheet(s) of paper. Be sure to include your name on the essay.*)
 - **Sooper Credit Union membership statement:** What does belonging to a credit union mean to you and how will it impact your life in the achievement of your goals? (*Please include your name, and print your answer double-spaced.*)
 - **A one- or two-page resume** (*This should include your extracurricular school activities, leadership positions, awards or honors, your involvement in community activities and work experience. Please list by category and give a historical outline in chronological order. Please specifically include the number of hours for each activity and job, and indicate the timeframe, e.g. over the summer, all year*)
 - **Statement of financial need** (*Describe any circumstances affecting your ability to pay for first-year post-secondary education that the selection committee should consider. List first-year post-secondary expenses e.g. tuition, room and board, books and fees. List existing resources to pay for them such as grants, scholarships, work study, personal savings, parent support including 529 plans.*)
 - **Two letters of recommendation from non-family members** (*Letters must be signed and should give insight to and describe your personal characteristics and your likelihood for future academic and professional success. It should not include a listing of your activities.*)
 - **Most current official, sealed transcript for high school or college** (*If you participate in concurrent or dual enrollment, such as a community college, please share documentation related to this work thus far. Please request this information in advance and submit with your application. Photocopies are not acceptable.*)
 - **Copy of your S.A.T. and/or A.C.T. Scores** (*unless these scores are included in official transcript*) (*If applicable*)
3. Supply a photo for publication in Sooper Credit Union's newsletter.



SCU Community Foundation Scholarship Application Packet

Other	
Have you previously applied for this scholarship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, how many times have you applied?
	If yes, was the scholarship awarded to you? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	And how many times has it been awarded?

Your signature below indicates that all information contained in application is correct and honestly presented.

Student Signature

Date