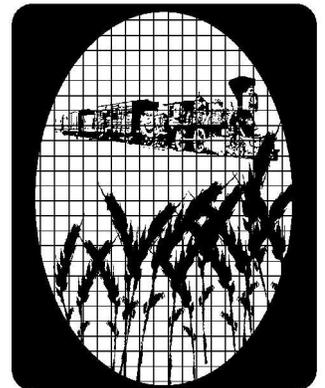


**PANHANDLE
FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION**

**SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

2026



*Panhandle
Federal
Credit Union*

Panhandle Federal Credit Union's Scholarship Program is designed to acknowledge exceptional students within our Credit Union family. A college education is one of the most important investments a person can make in himself or herself, and PFCU is dedicated to helping its members with that investment. Our goal is to recognize and reward students who are active in both their school and community - giving back to others through their participation, service and volunteer work.

We will award scholarships to qualifying students who will enter an accredited academic program for the 2026-2027 academic year as a full-time undergraduate student. This scholarship is **renewable** up to 4 years. A 2.00 GPA per semester is required. No graduate hours will be funded.

Applicant Qualifications

- Graduating high school senior enrolling in a two or four-year college, a community college student transferring to a four-year university, or an adult student returning to college
- Must be a primary member of Panhandle Federal Credit Union. Account must be established prior to application for scholarship.
- A cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4-point scale) or 3.5 (on a 5-point scale)
- SAT or ACT scores will be taken into consideration
- Community and/or school involvement
- Financial need
- Employees, officials or immediate family members of Panhandle FCU are not eligible

The primary focus of the PFCU Scholarship is an applicant's academic achievement and service to community. The applicants will be scored as follows

- Academic Achievement (25%)
- Community Involvement (25%)
- Extra-Curricular Activities (including athletics) (25%)
- Essay (25%)

How to Apply

1. Read all instructions completely and thoroughly
2. Fill out the application legibly.
 - a. An official copy of your school transcript including your GPA and ACT or SAT scores;
 - b. A recommendation from someone other than a parent/guardian who has experience working with you either through a school activity, job or community involvement (form provided)
 - c. A one-page essay that answers **ONE** of the three essay questions found in the following application.
3. Application and supporting documents must be postmarked by Friday, June 5th **2026**. No exceptions!
4. Mail completed application and documents in a single envelope to:

Panhandle Federal Credit Union
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 26
Wellington, KS 67152

Your application will NOT be considered if it is:

- **Late** – Application must be postmarked by Friday, June 5th 2026;
- **Incomplete** – Applications must be completely filled out, signed and sent with ALL supporting documents; incomplete applications will be filed with no action taken and no notification to the applicant;
- **Unqualified** – Applicants must meet ALL of the qualifications.

Important Dates

Friday, June 5th 2026 Application postmark deadline

Friday, July 3rd 2026 Announcement of recipients via email

**QUESTIONS? Please contact Nedra Ybarra, VP of Operations @
nedra@panhandlefcu.com**

APPLICATION TIPS

To make the application process less stressful and to help our applicants complete the process fully and correctly, we have compiled a list of helpful hints. Read over these tips to gain insight for your essay and the rest of your application. Keep yourself from making common mistakes. We want you to succeed and we look forward to reviewing your application. Good Luck!

1. Always follow the specific direction of the application.
2. Print the application and legibly write in the information. Once you have completed the form, sign and date it. Applications that are illegible will be disqualified.
3. Ask for and obtain all required documents well in advance of when you will need them. It often takes others weeks to gather, prepare or write the documents you need. Be courteous and give them ample time to do so.
4. Make sure you understand the purpose of the essay. Analyze the topic and make sure you understand all parts of the questions. Appropriately addressing your essay question is the first step to an outstanding application.
5. Make your essay stand out. Answer the topic that will best describe your unique qualities or situation. Set yourself apart from the crowd. Remember you are competing against a potentially large number of applicants. You want to be memorable.
6. Make certain that you organize all the things you want to communicate or show about yourself through the essay before writing. This helps you include each point as you write.
7. Double-check your spelling and grammar throughout the entire application. Remember the essay must be no more than one page.
8. Have someone review your application, essay and documents before mailing it to ensure you've collected and filled out everything you need. Do not ask a Panhandle Federal Credit Union staff member to review any part of your application before submitting it.

2026 Panhandle Federal Credit Union Scholarship Application

First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone #

E-mail Address (REQUIRED)

Current School

District

School Address

City

State

Zip

School Phone #

GPA

SAT Score (Whichever applies) ACT Score

(If you are a student that has not been in school recently and have no test scores, please write a note to explain your situation.)

Name of ONE college you plan to attend

Proposed Field of Study

Please list other Scholarships or grants already awarded to you and amounts: _____

School/Work/Community Involvement

In the grid below, please list any school involvements, jobs or community involvements you have, the number of hours you have spent participating in that activity, and a brief description of the activity and your role. Please list your top 5 activities ONLY.

Activity Name	Hours Contributed	Description of Activity and Your Role

Scholarship Recommendation Form

Applicant's Name: _____

Part 1

Please circle the score which best represents your evaluation of the scholarship applicant. If you have no fair basis for judgment, please check the box under N/A.

Character	Circle Score										N/A
	Low	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	High	
Motivation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Initiative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Originality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Self-confidence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Warmth of personality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Concern for others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Ability to react positively to setbacks	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Respect for peers and/or co-workers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Respect for adults and persons in leadership	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

School/Business: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____

Part 2

Please attach a written statement regarding how this applicant has met and/or exceeded your expectations as a student or employee. **A written statement is necessary for the recommendation form to be considered by the committee. Return both parts of your completed form to the applicant. Thank you!**

