

Santee Cooper Credit Union

2026 Scholarship Application



The Program

Santee Cooper Credit Union is proud to promote the credit union philosophy of "people helping people." Our Scholarship Program was established as a way to reach out to the community and help students achieve their goals to further their education by awarding scholarships to help with the cost of tuition and fees associated with attending college, vocational or technical school.

Eight (8) \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors. Scholarship recipients will be notified sometime in May or June 2026. The scholarship will be paid directly to the educational institution the student is attending and will be awarded for the Fall 2026 semester.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior at either Berkeley, Timberland, Cross, Cane Bay, Socastee or Conway High School.
 - **This year we have two additional scholarship opportunities for a current Santee Cooper Credit Union member. With this category, it does not matter what high school you attend as long as you are a graduating high school senior. This scholarship will also be for \$1,500.**
2. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.50.
3. Applicant must plan to attend a 2- or 4-year accredited institution, community college, trade school, vocational school or university as a full-time student.
4. Applicant must fully complete the Scholarship Application and return it to Santee Cooper Credit Union with all required documents by April 24, 2026. The application will not be accepted if the documents are received after the deadline even if they are dropped off or have a postmarked date of April 24, 2025.
5. All family members of Santee Cooper Credit Union officials, volunteers and employees are excluded from eligibility. Family members are defined as a dependent child, grandchild or stepchild.

How to Apply

- Read all instructions completely and thoroughly.
- Fill out the application and submit the following supporting documents:
 - An official copy of your most recent high school transcript including your GPA,
 - Typed Personal Statement,
 - A 500-word essay that answers the essay question found in the following application, and
 - A digital photo of applicant (for scholarship announcements) sent to sgrooms@santeecoopercu.org, Subject: Scholarship Applicant
- Submit the completed application and supporting documents via email to sgrooms@santeecoopercu.org, in person at any any Santee Cooper Credit Union Branch, or by mail to:
Santee Cooper Credit Union
Attn: Scholarship Committee
612 Rembert C. Dennis Blvd.
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Questions?

For more information, please contact sgrooms@santeecoopercu.org or visit our website at www.santeecoopercreditunion.com/resources/sccu-scholarship-program

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General Information

First Name M.I. Last Name

Address

City State ZIP Phone Number

Email Address

Current School Enrollment Information

Applicants must include their most recent official high school transcript.

What high school do you attend? (select one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berkeley High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Socastee High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timberland High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Conway High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cane Bay High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
(Current SCCU Member attending another high school) | |

GPA (on 4.0 scale)

Anticipated Graduation Date

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Educational Plans

Name of College You Plan to Attend

Proposed Field of Study

Personal Statement

Please include a typed Personal Statement that outlines how this scholarship can benefit you.

Essay Question

On a separate sheet of paper, please submit a 500-word essay that answers the following question. Your essay must be typed to be considered. Essays will be evaluated by looking at the following: overall ideas, organization, description, voice and conventions (i.e. grammar, spelling, and punctuation).

Credit unions are committed to supporting their communities. Choose a social cause or community initiative you care about. Describe how a credit union could partner with students like you to make a meaningful impact, and what role should that institution play in supporting your values?

Certification

I certify that all information provided on this application and all supporting documents are accurate and complete. I understand that any misleading or false information will result in my application being disqualified. If selected as a scholarship winner, I give full consent for the use of my name, image and likeness to be used for promotional and publicity purposes. I understand that the decision of the Santee Cooper Credit Union Scholarship Committee is final.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature *(if applicant is under age 18)*

Date

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Feedback

How did you hear about Santee Cooper Credit Union's Scholarship Program? *(select one)*

School

SCCU Branch

Social Media

SCCU's Website

Email

Other _____

Santee Cooper Credit Union Contact Information

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