

The Richard Buzby Scholarship Application

The Board of Directors of Northern Skies Federal Credit Union is pleased to announce that we will be offering student scholarship awards to qualified applicants. *Please note that your application will NOT be considered if you have not filled out the Richard Buzby Scholarship Application. No substitutes will be considered.* Scholarship applications may be considered for the following:

1. Individuals or students continuing their education at an accredited college or vocational school.
2. Senior high students applying for admission to accredited college or vocational school.

The deadline for receiving applications for both categories is **March 31, 2026.**

Applicant's Name	Your or Your Parent's Northern Skies Member Number
Physical Address	City, State, Zip Code
Mailing Address (if different from physical address)	City, State, Zip Code
Email Address	Best Contact Phone Number

Mail applications and all attachments to:

Northern Skies Federal Credit Union
Attention: The Scholarship Committee
1001 E Benson Blvd
Anchorage, AK 99508

Applications must be postmarked or delivered to the Benson or O'Malley Branch by March 31, 2026 no later than 6:00 P.M. In order to be fair to all applicants the information requested must be received with the application in order for the applicant to be eligible for a scholarship award.

Eligibility:

The scholarship must be used to help fund college tuition at an accredited college or licensed/certified vocational program. Northern Skies Federal Credit Union employees, board members, supervisory committee members and their children are not eligible for the scholarship.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the results no later than June 1, 2026 . The decision of the committee is final and deliberations regarding scholarship applicants will remain confidential.



Mailing Address: 1001 East Benson Boulevard Anchorage, Alaska 99508
(907) 561-1407 | (800) 747-1407 | Fax (907) 561-4005 | www.nsfcu.org

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THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA WILL BE USED TO GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS

- The applicant must be a member or a child of a member of Northern Skies FCU for at least one year by March 31, 2026.
- Student must show financial need.
- Good academic record.
- Record of community involvement.
- Extra-curricular activities
- Student must state future plans/goals.

In addition to filling out the application, the applicant must include:

☐ **A letter of application** outlining the following:

- (a) Personal history - Information about your family; something about yourself, or experiences you would like to share.
- (b) Future plans for education - Why you wish to go to college or trade school, major field of interest, and school that you plan to attend.
- (c) Previous education - Include membership in organizations in and out of school, offices held, and honors accorded to you.
- (d) Plans for financing college education and why you need financial assistance.

☐ **Two letters of recommendation** including at least one letter from a person who is **not connected with the school**.

☐ **Transcript** which will be supplied by the Registrar in your Counseling Center.

☐ **SAT/ACT/Placement Scores**

☐ **College budget or financial statement**

☐ **Submission of a 500-word written essay (double-spaced) or a 60 second YouTube video.**

(YouTube link should be emailed to marketing@nsfcu.org by the scholarship deadline).

Essay or video should be based on the following theme: Passion and Purpose

We need purpose in our lives to feel fulfilled, and to help us make a difference in the world. What is your personal mission statement? How do you plan to make an impact in the world or your community?

☐ **Copies of newspaper articles and other materials concerning honors and activities you have participated in during recent years.** (Optional.)

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PERSONAL HISTORY

Years Attended School in Alaska: _____ Name of school presently attending: _____

Names of parents: _____
Father *Mother*

Occupation of Parents: _____
Father *Mother*

Is either or both parents active or retired military? *Father* *Active* *Retired* *Mother* *Active* *Retired*

Number of brothers & sisters and their ages: _____
Brothers *Sisters*

Number of brothers & sisters attending college now: _____
Brothers *Sisters*

FUTURE PLANS FOR EDUCATION

College Choices:	Total Cost:	Amount Needed
a) _____	_____	_____
b) _____	_____	_____
c) _____	_____	_____

Proposed major area of study in college: _____

Vocational or career goals: a) _____ b) _____

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

SAT/ACT Scores: _____ GPA: _____

School Activities: _____

Offices held and positions of responsibility assumed in high school activities: _____

Out-of-school activities: _____

Honors and awards: _____

Work or Volunteer Experience: Attach additional sheet if necessary.

COMPANY

TYPE OF WORK

DATES

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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PLANS FOR FINANCING COLLEGE EDUCATION

ANNUAL COLLEGE EXPENSES

Tuition	_____
Fees	_____
Board & Room	_____
Books	_____
Travel	_____
Clothing	_____
Miscellaneous	_____
Other (specify)	_____
TOTAL	\$ _____

AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL NEED REQUESTED

\$

SOURCES OF FUNDS TO MEET COLLEGE EXPENSES

Summer work (net)	_____
Part-time during school year	_____
Savings, insurance	_____
Total PFD Savings (since eligible)	_____
Parents	_____
Relatives or friends	_____
BIA Scholarships	_____
Other Scholarships (specify)	_____
Military Benefits	_____
Retirement Benefits	_____
Social Security	_____
Loan, other (specify)	_____
Vocational Rehabilitation	_____
Other (specify)	_____