



Atlantic Edge
CREDIT UNION

Scholarship Program Guide

2026

About the Program

Education is foundational to the economic and social stability of our communities. In addition to our wide range of student products and services, we are pleased to support an annual scholarship program. Through this program, Atlantic Edge Credit Union aims to promote, recognize, and encourage the qualities of good citizenship and co-operation.

Scholarship Value and Key Dates

The following outlines the value of the scholarship and key dates for the 2026 application cycle:

- Five (5) successful applicants will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.
- Applications will open on Monday, April 27, 2026.
- The deadline to submit applications is Friday, May 29, 2026.
- Winners will be notified no later than Friday, June 19, 2026.
- Winners will be announced on the AECU website, social media channels, and other media outlets at the sole discretion of AECU.

Eligibility, Criteria and Rules

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a legal resident of Canada.
- Have a current minimum academic average of 75% (or 2.0 GPA); a current transcript is required.
- Apply the award toward expenses for full-time study at an accredited post-secondary institution for Fall 2026 enrollment.
- Provide a copy of their post-secondary Letter of Acceptance/Proof of Enrollment.
- Be a member of AECU, or a child or grandchild of an AECU member or employee.

There are no age restrictions for this scholarship, and it is not limited to first-year studies; recent graduates and mature students at any stage of their education are welcome to apply.

Previous winners of this scholarship program are not eligible to apply.

Review and Selection Process

Applications are reviewed through regional and staff assessment categories to support fair and balanced distribution of scholarships:

- One scholarship will be awarded per region, if possible.
- Member applications are reviewed within one of four regional categories:
 - **Western Newfoundland** (including Port aux Basques, Doyles, Jeffrey's, St. George's, Corner Brook, and Deer Lake).
 - **Northern Peninsula/Labrador** (including Port Saunders, St. Anthony, L'Anse au Loup, Mary's Harbour, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay).
 - **Central Newfoundland** (including Gander, Carmanville, Triton, and Fogo Island).
 - **Eastern Newfoundland** (Mount Pearl).
- Applications from children and grandchildren of AECU employees are reviewed within a separate staff assessment category, outside of the general regional pools.
- All applications are evaluated using the same assessment criteria.

Application Components

Applicants are asked to complete the following **mandatory** sections:

- Post-Secondary Education Goals
- Personal Essay
- Letter of Recommendation
- Financial Literacy Session Selection

The following sections are **optional** but encouraged:

- Awards and Achievements
- Volunteer and Work Experience

Scholarships are awarded based on AECU's assessment of academic engagement, community involvement, and personal goals, among eligible applicants. Winners are required to complete a short testimonial to describe the positive impact of the scholarship on their post-secondary goals. **Use of generative artificial intelligence in the completion of this scholarship application is prohibited.**

How to Apply

Applicants who meet the conditions outlined in the section above are eligible to apply.

Please [click here](#) to access the application. Incomplete, unsubmitted, or late applications will not be considered.

Note: To complete the online application form, applicants must create a free **Do Some Good** account. This platform connects individuals, charitable organizations, and companies to make a meaningful impact in their communities – [click here to learn more](#).

An account is required for several reasons:

- Ensures information security and credibility of the form and weeds out spam.
- Allows the applicant to view their submission afterwards and ensures privacy of information.
- Allows for ease of communication with the applicant.
- Allows us to track submissions quickly and securely.

Virtual Financial Literacy Sessions

All applicants will participate in a virtual Financial Literacy Session titled “Basic Budgeting and Credit Card Education,” delivered in a group setting. The session, approximately one hour in length, is a mandatory component of the application process.

To accommodate varying schedules, multiple session dates will be offered between the application deadline and the announcement of scholarship recipients:

- Tuesday, June 2 – 6:00pm to 7:00pm (NDT)
- Thursday, June 4 – 6:00pm to 7:00pm (NDT)

This session is designed to help students maximize the impact of their scholarship funds by strengthening their personal financial literacy. It also aims to empower students with the knowledge and confidence to make informed financial decisions throughout their post-secondary education.

Disclaimers

- Applicants may be contacted to verify identity and eligibility prior to processing applications.
- All information provided must be accurate, complete, and in no way misleading.
- AECU will not be responsible for any lost, delayed, misdirected, illegible, incomplete, damaged, or undeliverable applications, or any delay or failure to transmit, process, receive or consider applications, or technical failures of any kind.
- If for any reason AECU cannot run the award program as planned, AECU reserves the right to cancel, modify, extend, or suspend without notice.
- AECU may at any time, at their sole discretion, disqualify any applicant who: does not meet the eligibility criteria, fails to comply with these rules, attempts to enter the contest in any manner or through means other than described in these rules, or attempts to circumvent these rules.

Questions about the program?

Contact info@aecu.ca for more information.