



2026 Scholarship Application & Criteria

Application Deadline is June 5, 2026

Overview

Cross Valley Federal Credit Union will award one (1) applicant a scholarship in the amount of **\$2,500.00**

Scholarship will be paid directly to one student enrolled in a vocational, technical, 2-year or 4-year accredited college or university for undergraduate study.

The Cross Valley Scholarship Committee will base their decision on a combination of demonstrated academic excellence, community service and quality of work on the video portion of the application.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a member of Cross Valley Federal Credit Union for at least six (6) months from the date of application with a positive account balance.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) and must submit a copy of most recent high school transcript.
- Must be enrolled to attend school in fall of 2026 as a full-time student (no less than 12 credit hours) and must submit a copy of acceptance letter.
- Applicant must submit a video (no longer than 3 minutes) on a topic provided on page 3.
- Applicant must use the scholarship to attend an accredited vocational or technical school or college or university.
- Applications are limited to undergraduate students.
- Applicant is encouraged to be involved with their school, as well as within their community. This includes volunteer and extracurricular activities and personal community involvement throughout the year.
- Applicant must submit a completed application no later than Friday, June 5, 2025.

Include the Following

- Application packet, including personal information page and video. Detailed video submission information can be found on page 3.
- Copy of high school transcript.
- Copy of college acceptance letter.

Application Submission by Email

This application can be completed directly from your computer using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can download it for free using the following link: get.adobe.com/reader/

Please include all video attachments in the email.

Email all completed applications and video to Jill McGlynn:

jmcglynn@crossvalleyfcu.org

Application Submission by Mail

Please mail all applications to:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Cross Valley FCU
640 Baltimore Drive
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

We ask that you submit your video via email to the address provided above, along with your full name in the subject line (e.g. "Jane Doe Scholarship Video")



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Applicant Information

_____	_____
Printed Full Name	Date of Birth
_____	_____
Street Address	City, State, Zip
_____	_____
Mobile or Home Phone	Email Address
_____	_____
School You Are Currently Attending	School Phone
_____	_____
School Address (Street, City, State, Zip)	Cumulative GPA (on 4.0 Scale)

What accredited vocational, technical, 2-year or 4-year college or university do you plan to attend?



Please list and describe any academic awards and honors you have received:

Please list all community service activities you are or have been involved in:

Agreement and Signature

_____	_____	_____
Printed Full Name	Date	Signature

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Video Submission Criteria

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Video submissions will be judged on applicant's response to the topic of their choice, as well as creativity. For more information or questions regarding video submissions, please contact Jill McGlynn at jmcglynn@crossvalleyfcu.org.

Please center your video around one of the following topics:

Topic 1 : Building Financial Confidence Early

Confidence with money doesn't happen overnight. What steps are you taking now to feel more in control of your financial future, and why do those steps matter to you?

Topic 2 : What I Wish Schools Taught About Money

If you could redesign how financial education is taught, what would you include? What practical skills or knowledge do you think students need most before entering adulthood?

Topic 3 : Balancing Passion and Practicality

Many young people face the challenge of choosing between what they love and what feels financially secure. How are you thinking about this balance as you plan your future?

Topic 4 : AI and My Future Career

Artificial intelligence is changing how we work and live. How do you see AI impacting your future career or industry? What skills or mindset will you develop to stay adaptable in a rapidly evolving world?

Topic 5 : Money in a Digital World

From mobile payments to investing apps, money looks different than it did a generation ago. How has technology changed the way you think about spending, saving, or earning? What habits are you building to stay in control of your finances in a digital-first world?

Topic 3 : Redefining Success on My Terms

Success means different things to different people. What does success look like for you, and how do your financial choices support that vision?

Video Specifications and Requirements

Video submissions should be no longer than 3 minutes in length and should not exceed 400 MB. Video editing is not required but can be used as part of the creative process. Have fun with it!

Videos that are too large to attach to an email can be submitted using the free file sharing service [WeTransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com)