



# 2026 Scholarship Application Packet

Assemblies of God Credit Union (AGCU) will be awarding five (5) scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each to graduating high school seniors who are currently members of AGCU and will attend an accredited college, university, or vocational school in the fall. Additionally, the Merrell Cooper and Michael Cooper Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000 will be awarded. All scholarships are non-renewable.

All scholarship applicants will be notified by June 1, 2026. Scholarship recipients will be acknowledged at AGCU's Annual Meeting. Recipients will be invited to attend the Annual Meeting to accept their award in person. AGCU's 2026 Annual Meeting is tentatively planned for early June.

AGCU is committed to higher education and young adults. This scholarship program is our way of thanking our youth account members who have chosen AGCU as their financial institution.

## Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- **Must be a member of AGCU**
  - *Student MUST be the primary account holder and in good standing*
  - *Account MUST have been opened prior to 1/1/2026*
- **Must be a graduating high school senior**
- **Must attend an accredited college, university, or vocational school in the fall of graduation year**

To apply for a scholarship, complete the entire application packet, which includes:

- Application form** (page 2)
- Digital Photo** (MUST be submitted as a JPEG file)
- List of activities, honors, awards, work experience, leadership roles, etc.** (page 3)
- Official high school transcript**
- Two letters of recommendation** (MUST be emailed directly from the reference - list on page 3)
  - One academic recommendation (teachers, administrators, counselors, etc.)
  - One character recommendation (pastor, youth pastor, employer, etc.)
- AGCU Banking Relationship** (see page 3 for questions and instructions)
- Essays – 2 assignments** (see page 3 for essay questions and instructions)
- Release form** (page 4)

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00p (CST) ON APRIL 10, 2026**

*(Instructions on next page)*

Return completed packet by one of the following options:

**Mail packet to:**

Assemblies of God Credit Union  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 2328  
Springfield, MO 65801

**Email packet to:**

Janelle Carlton at [jcarlton@agcu.org](mailto:jcarlton@agcu.org)

**Packet drop off locations:**

AGCU Independence Branch  
AGCU Campbell Branch  
AGCU Operations Center on Kingsley



**Packets must be complete to be considered for a scholarship.**

**Questions?** Please email Janelle Carlton at [jcarlton@agcu.org](mailto:jcarlton@agcu.org)

**Application Form**

*(Type or Print Legibly)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

International Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your AGCU account number ***(not a parent's account)*** \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ scale *(example: 4.0 scale)*

Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Number in graduating class \_\_\_\_\_ ACT or SAT composite score \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of school you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied?  Yes  Not yet    Have you been accepted?  Yes  Not yet



Intended Major \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving other scholarships?  Yes  No    If yes, please list below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Honors and Activities**

Attach a list/summary of:

- School Activities
- Church Activities
- Community/Volunteer Service
- Honors
- Awards (include other scholarships)
- Work Experience
- Leadership Roles

### **References**

Request 2 letters of recommendation of the following and provide their names. *The letters should be emailed or mailed directly from the reference to Janelle Carlton at [jcarlton@agcu.org](mailto:jcarlton@agcu.org).*

Academic Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Character Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

### **AGCU Banking Relationship**

Describe your (and your immediate family's) banking relationship with AGCU.

Describe how you are or how you will be an advocate for AGCU.

## **Essay Assignments**

### **Instructions:**

- Both assignments must be submitted.
- Essays must be typed in double-spaced format.
- No handwritten copies will be accepted.

### **Assignment #1 (300-500 words):**

Scholarships are an investment in students and their potential. Why are you a great investment for an AGCU scholarship?

### **Assignment #2 (300-500 words):**

AGCU is a faith-based credit union. How do AGCU's mission and values line up with your faith and values?



## **Release Form**

I give permission for my name, photo, and bio to be used by Assemblies of God Credit Union should I receive a scholarship. Uses may include print and web publications, social media, audio/visual presentations, and any other form of electronic and print media. I also give AGCU permission to submit this information to local media outlets.

I understand that no personal information, such as my account number or social security number, will be released.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NOTE:** If you are under 18, please have your parent or legal guardian sign as well.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date