

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Joplin
Metro Credit Union

Joplin Metro Credit Union is currently accepting applications for the 2026 Lee E. Fritts & George C. Patrick Scholarship.

\$5,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED

Amounts and winners will be determined by Joplin Metro Credit Union's Scholarship Committee. First place prize will be no less than \$1000.

- Applicants **MUST** be a JMCU member as well as the primary account holder as of March 27, 2026.
- Applicants will receive a confirmation email within 3-5 business days once their application has been received by our office.
- Scholarship recipients will be chosen by the JMCU Scholarship Committee. Recipients will be notified on or before May 29, 2026.
- Scholarship recipients will be invited to JMCU's annual meeting for special recognition. Please save the date:

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Joplin Elk's Lodge
1802 W 26th St.
Joplin, MO 64804

- Applications can be filled out and submitted directly through our website. Applications will also be accepted through mail and must be postmarked by April 3, 2026, or you may drop off your application to either of our locations or send it in by email.

- 📍 3301 Texas Ave, Joplin, MO 64804
- 📍 716 Pearl Ave, Joplin, MO 64801
- ✉️ caylenc@joplinmcu.com
- 🌐 www.joplinmcu.com



DEADLINE:
APRIL 3,
2026

Scoring Guideline For Scholarship Application

Scholarship

Academics - Grade Point Average

4.0 GPA
3.5 - 3.99
3.0 - 3.49
2.5 - 2.99
Below 2.5

Did the student provide a copy of transcript?

Application

Were all parts of the application completed and questions answered?

Essay Guidelines Adherence - Based on the following:

Directly address the essay theme? (overall quality)

Follow specified page count and formatting?

Proper sentence structure, clarity and grammar?

Spelling and punctuation accuracy?

Activities/Community Involvement

Leadership roles in clubs or organizations

Meaningful involvement in community service

Active participation in extracurricular activities, clubs or organizations

Honors and Awards

Academic awards or recognitions

Academic/Relevant honors

Participations in academic competitions

Letter of Recommendation

Strong endorsement from a credible source

Relevant insights about the applicant's character and achievements

Positive impact on the overall application



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APPLICANTS MUST BE A PRIMARY ACCOUNT HOLDER AT JMCU AS OF MARCH 27, 2026

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
(First) (Last)

Home Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (ZIP)

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

JMCU Account Number: _____

Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: _____

You must be a high school senior graduating in Spring 2026 and/or planning to attend a college/university or technical/trade school in the Fall 2026 semester.

High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____ GPA: _____

College: _____ Anticipated Graduation Year: _____

Current Status (Year of Study): _____ College GPA (if applicable): _____

Have you been accepted? Yes _____ No _____

Applicant Name: _____

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Please attach additional papers if necessary for any or all questions below.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. What degree(s), diploma, or certificate do you plan to obtain, and briefly explain your career objectives or goals.

2. List any community service work or mission work you participated in and/or school activities.

3. List any honors, awards, and other recognition you have received during high school or while attending a current college.

4. Employment History

Employer: _____

Time Employed: _____

Position Held: _____

Applicant Name: _____

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ESSAY

This year's essay theme is "What is one habit you think would most improve people's daily lives?

Explain why it matters and how it could realistically be adopted."

Directions: Please type your response. Your essay should be limited to two pages, double-spaced.

For scholarship consideration, please send your application

Postmarked by April 3, 2026, to the attention of Caylen Cowdin at:

Joplin Metro Credit Union

3301 Texas Ave

Joplin, MO 64804

Or drop off at either location by April 3, 2026:

Joplin Metro Credit Union

3301 Texas Ave

Joplin, MO 64804

Joplin Metro Credit Union

716 Pearl Ave

Joplin, MO 64801

Or email by April 3, 2026, to:

caylenc@joplinmcu.com

Or fill out and turn in application online at joplinmcu.com by April 3, 2026.

By applying for this scholarship and signing your name below, you certify that everything you have stated on this application and all attachments you have included is true of you.

Applicant Signature

Date

Please make sure that you have included the following with your application:

- Any additional papers needed to answer your questions
 - Copy of your transcript
 - Reference letter
 - Essay

Applicant Name: _____

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REFERENCE LETTER

Please include one letter of recommendation. Please do not use a family member, friend, or neighbor. May use a teacher, school administrator or counselor, work supervisor, church official, coach, scout leader, etc.

Reference Name: _____ Reference Phone: _____

Reference Email: _____

Scholarship Applicant's Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Please write a brief, typed letter of recommendation for the above-named applicant, and return it to the applicant.

Please Note: JMCU may quote a passage from your letter if the student wins a scholarship.