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Dear Counselor,

Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union has been serving members for over 70 years. We were created in 1950 by people who wanted to pool their money to loan to their friends and coworkers in times of need. Our 24,000 member-owners are still serving each other and their communities, although on a much larger scale.

To that end, it is my pleasure to announce that Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union will be awarding \$16,000 in scholarships to graduating high school members planning to pursue post-secondary education in the fall of 2023. The credit union is committed to improving the communities we serve by funding scholarships to incent the best and brightest students to pursue their education goals at the institutions of their choosing.

Judging will be conducted by a Scholarship Selection Committee. The scholarships will be awarded to students who are Coosa Pines FCU members and who exemplify credit union values of personal and civic responsibility through their grades, extracurricular activities, essay responses, letter(s) of recommendation, and community service. (Students may join the credit union free at any of our branches or online by visiting [www.CoosaPinesFCU.org](http://www.CoosaPinesFCU.org) and clicking "Join Now".)

Enclosed you will find a copy of the application which includes instructions. **The deadline for application is Friday, March 31, 2023.** Please feel free to share this information with your graduating seniors who are or are eligible to become credit union members.\* Applications may also be downloaded for printing on the credit union website, [www.CoosaPinesFCU.org](http://www.CoosaPinesFCU.org).

All application packages should be sealed and dropped at the nearest branch or mailed to:

Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union  
Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee  
33710 U.S. Hwy 280  
Childersburg, AL 35044.

Thank you, and best wishes to you in the coming year!

*Don Carden*

Don Carden, President/CEO  
Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union

\*Coosa Pines FCU membership is open to all who live, work, worship, or attend school in Talladega, Coosa, Clay, Shelby, St. Clair, and Jefferson counties of Alabama. For a limited time, CPFCU will make the opening deposit on behalf of students age preschool through college. For more information, please visit [www.CoosaPinesFCU.org](http://www.CoosaPinesFCU.org).

# Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union Scholarship Application Form

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## Instructions

Please print clearly the following information. **Applicant must be a Coosa Pines member.** See next page for membership information. Turn in completed application with all applicable signatures and attachments in a sealed envelope to the local Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union location or mail to:

Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union, Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee  
33710 U.S. Hwy 280, Childersburg, AL 35044.

**Application deadline is Friday, March 31, 2023.**

**Please note: Read and complete application carefully. If application is incomplete or found to be inaccurate, it will not be considered. Applications may be printed at [www.CoosaPinesFCU.org](http://www.CoosaPinesFCU.org).**

### Personal Information

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Alt Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Coosa Pines FCU Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
GPA (on 4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach most recent official transcript.)  
Have you taken the ACT? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, score: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach copy of score report.)  
Have you taken the SAT? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, score: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach copy of score report.)  
ACT: American College of Testing SAT: Stanford Achievement Test  
I will be enrolled in the following college/university in the fall of 2023: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Major or Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please List Your Academic Awards, Honors, and Membership Activities

(You may attach a list on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

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**Please List Your Community Service Activities, Hobbies, Interests, and Extracurricular Activities**  
(You may attach a list on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

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### Essay Question

A core credit union philosophy is "*people helping people*". This attitude of service is a driving principle for credit unions, and as such has helped to shape the industry and the impact credit unions have made around the world. How has service made a meaningful impact in your life? (This can be service to others, or how another has served you.) Please attach your response of 600 words or less.

### Letter of Recommendation/ Character Reference

Please include at least one but no more than three character reference(s) in the format of a letter of recommendation. Letter(s) of recommendation/ character reference(s) will in no case be accepted from family members of the applicant/student.

### Application and Authorization Information

The application and all attachments thereto must be signed, completed and submitted to Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union. If an applicant fails to complete the entire application or submit all of the items requested, the application will not be considered. Please note that the application must be signed by the applicant/student **and** the parent/guardian of the applicant, and if either of such signatures is not on the application, the application will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered. **The applicant must be an account holder with Coosa Pines FCU. Membership is open to Talladega, Coosa, Clay, Shelby, St. Clair, and Jefferson Counties. For a limited time, students preschool through college age may join free. Join online at CoosaPinesFCU.org; click on "Join Now".**

**In order to receive the scholarship, the recipient must attend an accredited four-year or junior college of the recipient's choice.** The scholarship will be granted only to a graduating high school senior, and will be announced and awarded in the spring prior to the recipient's graduation. However, the scholarship is contingent upon the recipient graduating from high school and passing required graduation exam(s). The scholarship will be paid to the educational institution of recipient's choice upon proof of enrollment to the college or school.

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_(Initial) We, the undersigned, understand that my/our name and information from the scholarship application and any or all attachments may be released to the scholarship selection committee. If awarded a scholarship, I/we release to Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union the right to use my/our name, story, application and all attachments, and picture for printed and video materials, reports, advertising, Internet and press releases, without compensation. I/we also recognize the advisability of communicating a letter of thanks to the credit union and scholarship selection committee.

Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union and the scholarship selection committee does not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or national origin, or any other basis in either the application process or in the consideration and granting of the scholarships provided by Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union. The scholarship will not be awarded solely based on grades.

**By submitting the application and all applicable attachments, and with signatures below, the applicant and parent/guardian certify that the information submitted is true and correct, and agree to the scholarship conditions as set forth in the application document.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant/Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date