

# HAPO Community Credit Union: Scholarship Guide

HAPO educational scholarships are available to high school seniors pursuing higher education, a full-time college student working towards an Associates or Bachelors Degree and to those that are interested in a trade school or an apprenticeship. Additionally, we will be providing funds to members who have active student loans.

### **Eligibility**



To be eligible for a HAPO Educational Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a member of HAPO Community Credit Union and in good standing
- Be a full-time high school senior or entering freshman year of college
- Be entering college/university as a full time student
- Be entering a trade school or apprenticeship program
- Have/had a high-school grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
- Have a high school diploma or GED

## **Application Process**



HAPO's selection process beginning April 1st of each calendar year. All applications must be submitted no later than March 31st to be considered. To be considered, candidates must:

- Complete and submit HAPO's Scholarship Application
- Provide a cover letter addressing financial/educational/career goals, financial need, and community involvement
- Complete HAPO Academy's Financial Education program
- Provide three letters of recommendation from employers, teachers, or other high school officials
- Submit the most recent copy of unofficial high school or college transcript Excludes Loan Repayment applicants
- Submit up-to-date resume
- Photocopy of Completed Degree Loan Repayment applicants only



#### **Selection Process**



Applications will be reviewed by the HAPO Scholarship committee. Applicants will be judged on; academic performance, financial need, employment/athletics/activities, community involvement and letters of recommendation. Scholarship will be awarded and winners will be notified in May.

**Note:** Scholarship winners will be required to submit an official high school transcript through the latest grading period (excluding loan repayment applicants).

### **Funding**



Scholarships payment will be made directly to the college/university in the recipient's name upon validation of latest high school transcript. Payments will be made on a semester or quarterly basis based on institutions academic system.

Payments for the Student Loan Debt Repayment program will be applied as a principal loan payment to the loan servicer.

#### Questions

Please send all questions to scholarships@hapo.org with the subject line "Scholarships" and someone from the scholarship committee will respond within 24-48 hours.