

## 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, Bachelors, or Master's Degree and to those that are interested in a trade school or an apprenticeship.

### 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
- Submit up-to-date resume

## Selection Process



Applications will be reviewed by the HAPO Scholarship committee that is made up of four volunteer HAPO members and four HAPO employees. Applicants will be judged in four areas; academic performance, financial need, employment/athletics/activities, and community involvement. Each area will make up 25% of the scoring matrix. Scholarship will be awarded and winners will be notified in May.

**Note:** Applicants may not be related to any committee members. Scholarship winners will be required to submit an official high school transcript through the latest grading period.

## 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.

**Note:** Full-time enrollment status must be maintained or will result in cancellation of the scholarship. If a scholarship is canceled, all unused funds will be returned to HAPO Community Credit Union.

## Questions

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