



BANKING – THE DCU WAY

DCU Employees' Children Scholarship

2025 Official Rules

DCU (Digital Federal Credit Union) recognizes the lifetime value of a college education. The Annual Scholarship Program for **DCU Employees' Children** is designed to assist outstanding students with the cost of this education in recognition of their hard work and their interest in pursuing higher education. In **2025**, DCU will award **one \$2,500 scholarship** to the **child of a DCU employee** who is a **graduating high school senior OR a student currently enrolled** in a state or nationally accredited two or four-year college or university. An impartial panel of business professionals and collegiate educators will judge the participants' entries.

DCU employees' children **may reapply throughout their college tenure** provided they were not awarded the scholarship previously. The application portal will open on **Friday, December 13, 2024**, for the 2025 academic year.

Instructions

Read the Official Rules below - then visit the secure scholarship portal to create a login and submit an application at https://webportalapp.com/sp/dcu_2025 Applications and all supporting materials including transcripts and letters of recommendation must be received through the scholarship portal by **3pm (ET) on Friday, February 28, 2025**. No exceptions.

Official Rules

- Judging Criteria** – The winning student will be the one judged most likely to excel in college as determined by an impartial panel of college level instructors and/or admissions officers. Judgments are based on the following factors:
 - An **unofficial transcript** of your high school grades for senior year (to date) and junior year (full year), **OR** if presently attending a college or university, a transcript of your grades to date. If less than one year, a transcript of your high school grades for senior year. Please upload transcripts into one .pdf file for upload.
 - Academic merit
 - References from **two junior or senior class** teachers, or references from **two college/university professors**
 - An essay judged on the quality of writing and the reasoning used
 - Awards and recognition
 - Extracurricular and community service activities
- Entry Qualifications** – To enter, the student must...
 - Be a graduating high school senior or enrolled in an accredited college/university.
 - Be planning to attend **OR** currently enrolled in a state-accredited or nationally accredited two or four-year college or university (**graduate programs excluded**).
 - **Student must have their own DCU membership AND be a member in good standing.**
 - A scholarship winner may win only once; however, a scholarship applicant may reapply if not selected.
 - DCU employees, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews are ineligible.
 - Sons and daughters of Vice Presidents, Senior Vice Presidents, and President/CEO are **not** eligible to win.
- The Essay** – The essay should answer the following essay prompt and be no more than 300 words in length (the essay will appear as a question within the application):

“DCU strives to improve the quality of life for children in need. In our efforts to accomplish this mission we embrace three overall principles: People Come First; Do the Right Thing; & Make a Difference.

Describe how you might apply these similar principles to your life now and how you would intend to incorporate these principles as a part of your education and career path. How would this vision impact both your personal and professional relationships?”
- Schedule** – Applications and all supporting materials, including transcripts and letters of recommendation, must be received through the scholarship portal by **3pm (ET) on Friday, February 28, 2025**. Applications and materials received after the deadline date and time will not be reviewed. Winners will be notified by email in **late April 2025**. **NO** emails will be accepted with documents.
- Publicity** – By entering, the winner agrees to have their name published in DCU newsletters, signs, website, and news releases announcing the results at DCU's discretion.

For additional information or if you have questions, please email scholarships@dcu.org

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