



Mary M. Jones Scholarship Requirements

To Study

Any subject matter at any American college, university, trade, or vocational school approved by the Scholarship Committee.

Description

This scholarship was established to honor Mary M. Jones, who was a visionary board member, a faithful supporter, and long-time member of Clarity Credit Union. She served on the Clarity Credit Union Board of Directors. Mary exemplified the true credit union spirit of “people helping people.” This scholarship honors the life of Mary M. Jones and celebrates her commitment to service on behalf of Clarity Credit Union and its members.

Eligibility

This scholarship is available to any Clarity Credit Union member who will be attending any American college, university, trade, or vocational school approved by the Selection Committee.

Scholarship Amount

The scholarship committee has designated one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be awarded for the 2026/2027 school year. A scholarship recipient may apply for a scholarship each year. If a member has already received a scholarship and is applying for one the next year, the member must present proof of their GPA, which must be 3.0 or higher.

How to apply

1. Complete the application form
2. Present a letter of acceptance from the school you will attend
3. Include letters of recommendation from two adults who have inspired you to further your education, including educators, administrators, or work colleagues, who have assisted or guided you during your educational years and are not related to you – see questions on page 4
4. Complete an essay or video – see topics on page 4
5. Be a primary shareholder of the credit union. *This means you need to belong to the Credit Union...and it's easy to join! It takes \$5 to open an account and you'll be eligible to apply for the scholarship.*

Deadline to apply

Complete applications must be received by midnight on May 29, 2026.

Application Submission

Complete applications can be emailed to: [**Marketing@claritycu.com**](mailto:Marketing@claritycu.com)

Or by mail to: **Clarity Credit Union**
C/O Mary M Jones Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 500
Nampa, ID 83653

Members of the Scholarship Committee will review all applications and select a winning submission. All applicants will be notified by email by June 26, 2026 regarding the status of their application.

Mary M. Jones Scholarship Rules & Restrictions

Students who submit an application certify the information provided on the application is correct to the best of their knowledge. Falsification of information will automatically disqualify a student from receiving a scholarship. Students agree that if awarded a scholarship, Clarity may share their name and scholarship information with the local media, television, radio, on the Clarity website and on the credit union's social media platforms.

Clarity Credit Union prohibits discrimination and provides equal opportunity in its scholarship awards. This is the case regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, political affiliation, veteran status and disabilities.

Direct relatives of Clarity Credit Union employees are not eligible to be awarded this scholarship. Direct relatives in this instance include spouses, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, children, siblings, nieces or nephews, whether by blood, adoption or marriage.



Mary M. Jones Scholarship Application

Date of application submission: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Contact Method: Phone Text Email

What high school did you attend: _____

What college/university/tech school have you been accepted to: _____

Are you a member of Clarity Credit Union? Yes No

Have you applied for the Mary M. Jones Scholarship before? Yes No

Have you received funds from the Mary M. Jones Scholarship before? Yes No

If yes, please include proof of your GPA which must be 3.0 or higher to apply again.

Do you have any immediate family members that work for Clarity Credit Union?

Yes No

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Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation with their application. Select adults who have inspired you to further your education, including educators, administrators, or work colleagues, who have assisted or guided you during your educational years and are not related to you

You may provide those writing your letters of recommendation with these instructions: Please provide a thoughtfully written letter about the student you recommend receiving this scholarship. Note that all application content is confidential and will not be shared outside the judging committee. It is important that we evaluate a student and their real situation.

Please address the following questions in your letter:

Question 1: In what capacity have you guided, assisted, or interacted with this student during his or her high school years?

Question 2: What conditions exist for this student that merit his or her consideration for this scholarship?

Question 3: Feel free to share or express anything the scholarship committee should consider regarding this student.

Scholarship Applicant Essay or Video Submission

Scholarship applicants are asked to respond to the following questions in either a 3 to 5 minute video, or in a 300 to 500 word essay. Please note that all essay and video submissions will be checked for AI writing/development. If AI writing/development is deemed present, the application will be denied.

1. Question #1 - What person or experience influenced you to extend your education and why? What do you expect to gain from furthering your education?
2. Question #2 - How can credit unions help youth become more knowledgeable about money management? Explain how you were personally helped by being a credit union member.

Please provide a PDF copy of your resume, including extracurricular activities, community service, work experience, etc. Please attach a PDF copy of your current high school transcript that shows your GPA. Email completed PDF applications to marketing@claritycu.com no later than 11:59 pm MST on May 29, 2026. Late/Incomplete applications will not be considered.