



## Old West Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program

January 15, 2026

**To:** Parents and high school counselors in Baker, Grant, Harney, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler counties.

**RE:** Old West Federal Credit Union is offering two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from each of our nine branches.

The scholarship program is available to *any* graduating high school senior located within our eight-county charter area who plans on attending an accredited post-high school institution or vocational school.

Applications must be dropped off at a local Old West branch on, or before, April 17, 2026, no later than 5:30 P.M.

Counselors, feel free to make copies of the application packet for distribution. The packet will also be available on our website at [www.oldwestfcu.org](http://www.oldwestfcu.org).

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Old West FCU scholarship committee.

Sincerely,

Old West FCU Scholarship Committee:

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# Scholarship Details

## Exhibit A

### Old West Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program

Old West Federal Credit Union will provide two (2) scholarships per branch to high school seniors residing in Baker, Grant, Harney, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler counties to assist in their post-high school education, including vocational schools.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Each of our nine branches will award two (2) \$1,000 scholarships.
- Recipients will be selected by local branch managers and the Old West Scholarship Committee.
- The scholarship recipients must be enrolled in an accredited post-high school institution or vocational school.

#### **SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The scholarship committee will consider:

- Community and school volunteerism.
- Academic achievements.
- Financial Need.
- Leadership.
- Quality of responses to essay and short-answer questions.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Exhibit B includes instructions for applicants.

#### **NOTIFICATION**

Applicants shall receive notification of the committee's decision approximately 30 days after the application deadline.

# Instructions

## Exhibit B

### Old West Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program

1. Complete the scholarship application and short essay questions.
2. Attach a separate statement discussing your career plans and your financial need for this scholarship. Please include the estimated cost of your college education or vocational training and what you are doing to mediate the expense.
3. Include a photo. If you are a scholarship awardee, we would like to share your photo on our website and other media outlets. By providing a photo of yourself, you are giving OWFCU *implied permission* to use your photo image. If you are under the age of 18, a parent/legal guardian's signature is required. See - *minor photo release form* in the packet.
4. Include two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who are not related to you. One of the letters must be from a school staff member or administrator who is familiar with you. The other letter must be from someone who knows you from outside of school (examples: employer, pastor, leader of organization you volunteer with, etc.)
5. Include an official high school transcript from your first year of high school to present. This should be signed by the proper school official showing the courses taken and grades received.
6. Please include an activity list relating to your achievements in leadership, academics, athletics, school activities, and volunteerism. Please note the number of years you were involved in each school activity and how many total hours you spent volunteering in your school and community.
7. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
8. The application, and all supporting documents must be delivered to an Old West Federal Credit Union branch near you on or before **April 17, 2026, no later than 5:30 P.M.**



# Old West Federal Credit Union

## Scholarship Application

### Basic Information:

Applicant's Full Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High school currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Post high school institution you will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian City / State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Short Answer Questions:

1. Tell us about yourself and include something fun or unique about you.

2. Describe a significant leadership experience you had during your high school career. How did it shape you as a person?

3. Briefly list your work experience, including some of your job duties.

4. Tell us why you think you deserve this scholarship.

**Old West Federal Credit Union**  
**Minor Photo Release Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print name - parent or legal guardian),

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Print – student name)

Grant permission to Old West Federal Credit Union to publish the provided photograph, submitted with the 2026 scholarship application packet, for OWFCU official publications to include:

- Social media
- Website
- Other relevant media channels

Furthermore, I understand that no royalty, fee or any other compensation will become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian’s Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_