



## Official 2026 Robert P. Bennett Memorial Scholarship Contest Application

**DEADLINE: April 30, 2026**

### Eligibility Requirements

- No entry fee required.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- You must be enrolled at an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school during the 2025-2026 academic year or be a 2026 graduating senior accepted for enrollment in an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school.
- You must have a minimum 2.8 grade point average, on a 4-point scale.
- You must be a member in good standing of Unity One Credit Union.
- Employees of Unity One Credit Union, contest judges and their immediate families are not eligible.
- This is a scholarship contest and not a lottery. It is void where prohibited or restricted by any law or ordinance.

### Submission

Applicants are required to submit their application and essay, along with an official transcript copy and complete Zogo modules through the online portal at <https://unityone.org/scholarships/>. Incomplete entries will be grounds for disqualification. No paper entries will be accepted.

### Essay Prompt(s)

1. Given your knowledge after the Zogo modules, reflect on your own financial goals and circumstances. Identify your top three financial needs and explain in detail why these needs are most important to you personally. In your response, consider how different types of financial institutions and their services might support these needs, by discussing specific features or products that make certain institutions a better fit for you. Use examples from your life or future plans to illustrate your reasoning.

### Entry Instructions

Please address the prompt in your essay. You may use personal or family experiences to help illustrate your points. Be creative and original. There is no set template for a winning essay.

- Written essays must be no less than 350 words and no more than 1,000 words in length and must be written in English.
- Only one application may be submitted per person.
- Submissions must be original work and may not be based, in whole or in part, on any previously published, AI-generated, or third party copyrighted material.

All entries must be received by **April 30, 2026**. Unity One Credit Union reserves the right to extend the submission deadline for up to 30 days.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Judges evaluating the essays will use the following criteria:

- Does the essay address the prompt given?
- Does the essay display originality and creativity?
- Does the essay contain accurate information?
- Does the written essay possess clear writing skills, including spelling and grammar?

### **Scholarship Award**

- One (1) \$2,000 scholarship (1st place) will be awarded to the best essay and paid by Unity One Credit Union to the recipient.
- One (1) \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to the first runner-up (2nd place) and paid by Unity One Credit Union to the recipient.
- One (1) \$750 scholarship will be awarded to the second runner-up (3rd place) and paid by Unity One Credit Union to the recipient.
- The winner will be notified at the beginning of June. Acceptance of the prize shall constitute permission for Unity One Credit Union to use the winner's name and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion, and publicity without additional compensation. All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winner.
- The winning recipient and essay will be published on Unity One's website, including the blog and/or featured on Unity One's social media channels, including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube.

### **Evaluation Process**

Employees and Board of Directors from Unity One Credit Union will select the essays that best meet the above criteria. From among these entries, a panel of judges made up of specified employees and Board of Directors from Unity One Credit Union will choose the prize-winning essays. All decisions will be final.

### **How to Submit an Application and Essay**

To enter, you must:

- Successfully complete the required Zogo modules through the Zogo app, achieving a minimum score of 80% in the following topics:
  - "Choose a Financial Institution"
  - "Open a Bank Account"
- Use the same email address for both your scholarship application and Zogo modules.
- Fill out the Scholarship Application Form on the scholarships page.
- Answer all required prompt(s) on Scholarship Application form.
- Upload a digital copy of current academic transcript.

### **Acceptable Submission Formats**

The following are acceptable submission formats:

- PDF
- DOC/DOCX

All entries shall become the property of Unity One Credit Union and cannot be returned. Unity One Credit Union will not be responsible for entries that are lost, damaged, illegible, incomplete, or misdirected.