

# CommStar Credit Union

## 2026 Kenneth Hicks Memorial Scholarship Application



CommStar Credit Union created the Kenneth Hicks Memorial Scholarship to assist high school students, in our community, with financing post-secondary education. The scholarship will reward individuals who demonstrate their commitment to academics, leadership and involvement in school and community activities. Financial need may also be considered. This scholarship will be awarded in memory of Kenneth Hicks who is recognized for over 30 years of dedication, leadership and support of continuing education to our credit union.

To qualify, a student must be a high school senior attending one of the following schools: Elyria High School, Elyria Catholic High School, Lorain High School, Clearview High School, Avon Lake High School; and be in pursuit of post -secondary education including: professional, vocational and academic studies, not limited to colleges, universities or military academies.

CommStar Credit Union will award five \$1,000 scholarships and reserves the right to revise, suspend or discontinue this program without notice.

### To apply:

- 1) Complete the application form.
- 2) Attach an official transcript from your high school.
- 3) Attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher or employer.
- 4) Submit a one minute video on a topic of your choice (optional).
- 5) **Applications must be received no later than February 6, 2026 at noon.**
- 6) Electronic submission of application and supporting documents is preferred:  
[Hicksmemorialscholarship@commstar.org](mailto:Hicksmemorialscholarship@commstar.org)

If you must mail or drop off, send completed application:

CommStar Credit Union  
ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
832 Cleveland Street  
Elyria, OH 44035

The scholarship recipient or their high school will be notified prior to their high school award ceremony. Additionally, CommStar Credit Union shall present the scholarship award at its Annual Meeting on March 31, 2026. Recipients are requested to attend for this special presentation.

### Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I understand, if I am awarded this scholarship, that it is my intention to complete the requirements for a degree program. If awarded the scholarship, I will provide the scholarship organization or my high school with proof of course registration. I will also make my best effort to attend CommStar Credit Union's Annual Meeting on the evening of Tuesday, March 31, 2026 for the scholarship presentation.

**I certify that all information presented, in this document, is accurate and complete.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Parent/Guardian Name (if applicant is under the age of 18) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under the age of 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant # \_\_\_\_\_  
(for office use only)

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA/Scale: \_\_\_\_\_ Date you will enter college: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/University you will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of CommStar Credit Union or any other credit union? Y or N (Your answer will not affect your eligibility for a scholarship)

*For the following questions, please attach separate sheets if necessary.*

What are your career plans? \_\_\_\_\_

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School Activities: Please list any awards or honors you've received, offices held, and clubs to which you belong.

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Community Activities:

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Work or Volunteer Experience:

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Summarize your need for financial assistance.

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Are you the beneficiary of any other scholarships or grants? \_\_\_\_\_

If "Yes," please list the scholarships or grants and the amounts.

*Scholarship(s)/Grant(s)*

*Amount*

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Please list any additional information you would like us to know when considering your application.

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**Essay:**

Choose **one** question to answer. Minimum of 300 words, double spaced and size 12 font:

1. What can you tell us about the credit union difference? How can it impact your community?
2. What are the most important lessons you've learned? Why?
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?