Scholarship Program

Two $1,000 scholarships:

Graduating high school senior OR Existing higher education student!

Winner not chosen on financial need or GPA!

Who Is Eligible?

- Applicant, parents or grandparents must be Abri members for 3 months or more before application submitted*.
- Graduating high school senior, who plans on attending an accredited college, university or vocational school full-time for 2027-2028.
  Or
- Full-time student currently enrolled in an accredited college, university or vocational school for 2027-2028.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 or 3.5 out of 5.0 or higher.

What's Required

- Short Application
- 60-second video or 500 word essay (see topic choices on following page)
- 2 recommendation forms from non-family members
- School transcripts (unofficial accepted)

Deadlines

- Only complete applications will be considered.
- Applications must be completed online or postmarked and received by Abri Credit Union no later than midnight on **December 29, 2026**.
- Upload documentation online at idmyway.com or print and mail, along with your documentation and video/essay to:
  Abri Credit Union
  Scholarship Committee
  1350 W. Renwick Rd.
  Romeoville, IL 60446

For details or to apply visit **www.idmyway.com**

Questions?

Email: marketing1@abricu.com
Call: Stanley Zurawski (815) 267-7739 or
Robin Piraino (815) 267-7733

Video or Essay Requirements

- **Choose One Topic:**
  - What does financial independence mean to you, and what steps are you taking now to achieve it in the future?
  - How did finances influence your college choice, and what factors mattered most in your decision?

Video

- 60-second video/commercial.
- Video format guidelines: File size limit is 300 MB. Acceptable file formats are .MPG; .MOV; .AVI; .WMV.
- The video will not be judged on the quality of the production, but the message itself.

Essay

- 500 word essay.
- Essay format guidelines: double spaced, 1" margins, 12 point Times New Roman font, 500 words or approximately 2 pages in length. No longer than 700 words, approximately 3 pages in length.

Distribution of Award

- ACU will award the $1,000 scholarships in the form of a cashier's check payable to the student and the school.
- Winners will be notified by email on Friday, January 15, 2027.

*** Your accounts (checking, ATM, savings, etc.) must be in good standing with no delinquent or charge off loans. Abri board members and employees and their immediate families are not eligible. Students who have previously won the Abri scholarship in each category above will not be eligible to win.**

College Scholarship Application

Applicant Information *(**Only complete applications will be considered**.)*

Last Name:_____ First:_____ Middle Initial:_____

Street Address:_____ Email:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Phone:_____ Preferred method of contact: ☐ Phone ☐ Email

ACU Member Information (if different than applicant):

Last Name:_____ First:_____ Middle Initial:_____

Street Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Current Education Information *(Must submit a copy of your high school or accredited college, university or vocational school transcript)*

High School/College:_____ Graduation Date:_____ GPA:_____

Name of accredited post-secondary school you will attend/are attending:

_____

City:_____ State:_____

Circle one: 2 Year Community/Junior College 4 Year College/University Vocational/Technical

Date of Entrance:_____ Expected Date of Graduation:_____

The information provided in this Scholarship Application is true and complete. I authorize Abri Credit Union's Scholarship Committee to verify or obtain further information that the committee may deem necessary concerning my Scholarship Application. I understand that this application and video or essay will be retained by the Scholarship Committee whether or not I am awarded a scholarship. I also understand that the decision of Abri Credit Union's Scholarship Committee is final.

I, _____, hereby grant that Abri Credit Union is authorized to use my name, picture, video/essay, or any reproduction of myself for editorial or commercial purposes. Permission is hereby granted to make changes or alterations to the video/essay. I understand that this video/essay will become the property of Abri Credit Union and that they can use the concept for future ads for the credit union and/or use the video/essay in the future. The video/essay can be used by the Credit Union for publicity purposes and may be shared through various outlets, including YouTube, Facebook, and the Internet.

The undersigned warrants that he/she is at least 18 years old. If the undersigned has not reached legal age, please include a parent or guardian signature.

Applicant's Signature: _____Date:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____ (if necessary) Date:_____

All complete scholarship applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than midnight on December 29, 2026. Please submit a completed application, transcript, recommendations, and either a 60-second video or 500 word essay. You can complete the application and upload documentation online at idmyway.com. A PDF of the application is also available online and can be printed and mailed, along with your documentation and video/essay to: Abri Credit Union, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 1350 W. Renwick Rd., Romeoville, IL 60446.

Thank you for applying for Abri Credit Union's Scholarship Program. We will contact you by Friday, January 15, 2027, if you have been awarded a $1,000 scholarship.

College Scholarship Recommendation

You have been asked to submit a recommendation on behalf of this applicant (who cannot be a relative) for the Abri Credit Union College Scholarship. Please answer the following questions and email to marketing1@abricu.com or fax to (815) 267-7702 by December 29, 2027.

Name of Scholarship Applicant:

How do you know the Applicant?

What characteristics do you consider his/her greatest attributes?

Any additional comments:

Prepared by:_____**Occupation**_____

Signature_____Date_____Daytime Phone_____