Liberty FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Application valid for high school seniors graduating in **May 2026.**

Ted Hitch Scholarship Program

Type of Scholarship

The TED HITCH SCHOLARSHIPS are named in honor of the credit union's past president. Ten nonrenewable $5,000 scholarships will be awarded annually with $2,500 distributed each semester beginning with the fall term. All scholarship money will be distributed directly to the school and applied toward tuition, books and equipment, fees, room and board, or other related expenses. If the student's total scholarships cover all of these expenses, the school may apply the funds to the following school year's expenses. Should the student discontinue full-time enrollment after the fall term, the remaining $2,500 will not be awarded. If the student accepts a full ride college scholarship from another source, the student must notify LFCU and decline the LFCU Ted Hitch Scholarship.

Scholarship Eligibility

Either the applicant or the applicant's parents/guardians must have been members of LFCU for at least 18 months by the March 6 scholarship application deadline and use at least three of LFCU's services. Use of services provided by LFCU's subsidiaries (Liberty Wealth Services and Insurance Group) do not qualify as membership in the credit union.

Applications will be accepted from graduating high school seniors planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning as a full-time undergraduate student for at least the coming year. **Applicants should have a minimum 3.75 unweighted GPA (without rounding up) on a 4.0 grading scale or 5.0 on a 6.0 scale at the end of the fall semester of the senior year. Applications that fall below the minimum GPA requirement will not receive consideration and should not be submitted.**

Immediate relatives (children, stepchildren, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, brothers and sisters, and parents) of LFCU officials, employees, and scholarship committee members are ineligible.

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee appointed by the Chairman of the LFCU Board. Determination of scholarship winners will be based on the applicants' GPA, SAT and/or ACT scores, financial need, participation in school and community activities, and an essay.

If the applicant or his/her parents or legal guardians have caused a financial loss to LFCU, that applicant will not be considered. If such a loss occurs after the selection process, the scholarship may be revoked.

Application Requirements

The following materials are required:

1. The application is to be completed by the student, parents, and school official. **(An accredited transcript with first semester GPA should be submitted by the school official.)** Applications should be typed or printed in ink.
2. A typed essay no longer than two double-spaced pages must be submitted. The essay may be written on any of the following topics:
   - Describe how your family and relationships have influenced who you are today.
   - Describe some of the hardest challenges you experienced while growing up.
   - Explain why this scholarship is important to achieving your future goals.
3. A copy of FAFSA's Submission Summary showing Student Aid Index.

The application and related materials may be dropped off at any LFCU branch location or mailed to the LFCU's Main Office **(see mailing instructions in section 4 of the application). All materials should be received – not postmarked –no later than March 6.** Applicants or their parents may contact LFCU prior to the application deadline to verify that the application and materials have been received. For verification purposes, contact Cindy Bell at (812) 477-9271 or 1-800-800-9271, Ext. 1220, or by email at cbell@libertyfcu.org.

Notification and Recognition of Scholarship Winners

The names of the scholarship recipients will be posted on the LFCU website by April 6. **Only scholarship winners will be notified directly.** Recipients will be recognized in the credit union's newsletter. The names and photographs of winners may be used by LFCU for public relations purposes.

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SECTION 1. This section is to be completed by the student.

Student's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State:_____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ School Presently Attending: _____

LFCU Member Number: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Please circle all LFCU services used by applicant or applicant's parents/guardians.
**Use of at least 3 services is required.*

Checking Account	Electronic Statements	Mortgage Loan	Auto Loan	Personal Loan
Direct Deposit	Credit Card	Certificate of Deposit	IRA/HSA	Money Market Account

Please list any other scholarships and amounts you have been awarded as of this date. If you are unsure you will accept any of these awards, please explain briefly:_____

_____

List extracurricular organizations and activities in which you have participated:
You may attach an additional sheet if necessary to complete the information below.

Organization or Activity	Number of Years	Awards or Honors

Are you currently employed? _____ If yes, where?_____

If yes, approximately how many hours do you work per week? _____

Why are you working?_____

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College or vocational school you plan to attend this fall: _____

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Have you applied? _____ If so, have you been accepted? _____

Intended course of study *(if known)*: _____

Career goals: _____

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Additional information in support of your application: _____

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I, _____, agree to the releasing of high school transcripts and requested information to the Liberty Federal Credit Union Scholarship Committee. Furthermore, my name and photograph may be used by LFCU for public relations purposes.

_____ _____

Student's Signature Date

SECTION 2. This section is to be completed by the parents/guardians.

Parents' or Guardians' Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

LFCU Member Number of Parents *(if members)*: _____

Household Demographics

Number of people in household: _____

Number of household members in college *(at least half-time)* for the coming school year: _____

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____, give permission to release my child's high school transcripts & requested information to the Liberty Federal Credit Union Scholarship Committee. Furthermore, my child's name and photograph may be used by LFCU for public relations purposes.

_____ _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature Date

SECTION 3. This section is to be completed by the applicant's school.

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Student's High School Diploma or College Program: _____

Please list the exact GPA without rounding the score. Applicants who fall below the minimum unweighted GPA requirements of 3.75 (without rounding up) on a 4.0 grading scale or 5.0 on a 6.0 scale at the end of the senior year fall semester will not receive consideration and should not submit an application.

Cumulative Un-Weighted GPA: _____._____ _____ on a scale of _____._____ _____

Cumulative Weighted GPA (if applicable): _____._____ _____ on a scale of _____._____ _____

SAT/ACT Scores:

Note that you may provide test scores from SAT or ACT tests. Test scores may represent **one test only** of the SAT and ACT. **Do not combine scores from different tests.** The test scores should be provided on or with the transcript.

SAT Reading	_____	ACT English	_____
SAT Math	_____	ACT Math	_____
SAT Writing/Language	_____	ACT Reading	_____
SAT Total Score	_____	ACT Science	_____
		ACT Writing*	_____
		ACT Composite Score	_____

*Writing is an optional component on the ACT test. List the writing score if it was included.

Name of School Official: _____

Email Address of School Official: _____

High School Phone Number: (_____)_____

_____ _____

Signature and title of school official verifying GPA and scores Date

SECTION 4. Mailing Instructions.

The application materials must be **received**—not postmarked— no later than March 6. The application and related documents may be submitted by the applicant, the applicant's parents or guardians, or the school. **If the materials are submitted by the parents/guardians, note that the transcript should be provided by the school via email to cbell@libertyfcu.org or in a sealed envelope.** Please do not staple documents.

Mail to: Liberty Federal Credit Union, Attn: Cindy Bell, P.O. Box 5129, Evansville, IN 47716-5129 or drop off at any of our branch locations. For a complete listing of locations, please visit www.libertyfcu.org