

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (\$2,000 Award)

To be eligible for a Gesa scholarship, applicants must meet all requirements.

1. Applicant must be a member of Gesa in good standing (must have their own Gesa account).
2. Applicant must be a full-time high school senior or other person entering their freshman year of college.
3. Applicant must enroll in an accredited college or university as a full-time student.
4. Applicant must have, or have had, an overall high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or greater, or successfully completed a home schooling program with the equivalent of a high school diploma.

### ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT (\$5,000 Award)

1. To be considered for Gesa's \$5,000 scholarship, Applicants must enroll at an accredited college or university in Washington state.

Gesa Credit Union employees, volunteers, and their immediate families will be eligible to participate, as the selection committee is made up of a majority of independent volunteers.

### APPLICATION

Scholarship applications must be received no later than **February 28 of each year**. Gesa is not responsible for lost or misdirected applications. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Scholarship packages must include the following:

1. Completed Gesa Credit Union scholarship application.
2. Cover letter addressing educational goals, future career plans, financial need and other information the committee might find valuable in evaluating the application.
3. An unofficial high school transcript, complete through the last grading period.
4. Two letters of recommendation from high school officials, current/past employers or a clergy member.

### SELECTION

Applicants will be judged on (1) academic performance, (2) extracurricular activities (school, athletics or employment), (3) community involvement, and (4) financial need. Each of these four categories will carry an equal weighting. Applications will be reviewed and final decisions will be made by Gesa's Scholarship Committee. The committee shall be made up of six volunteers from the Gesa membership and two Gesa managers. Committee members may not be related to any scholarship applicant. Scholarship recipients will be notified in April. Winners will be asked to submit an official high school transcript, complete through the latest grading period, and other materials upon notification.

### PAYMENT

Payment of the scholarship will be made upon verification of enrollment and receipt of an official (signed) high school transcript. Payments will be made directly to the college/university in the recipient's name. Failure to maintain full-time status at school will result in the cancellation of the scholarship, and all unused funds will be returned to Gesa Credit Union.

**Email application and required attachments to [scholarships@gesa.com](mailto:scholarships@gesa.com) or mail to:**

Gesa Credit Union  
Attention: Scholarship Committee  
51 Gage Boulevard  
Richland, WA 99352