



#### The Award

Levo Credit Union will award up to six \$1,000 scholarships to eligible students who are currently enrolled in or plan to attend a post-high school educational institution and have demonstrated outstanding service to their community.

### Eligibility

Entrants must be a member of Levo Credit Union in good standing, or meet the eligibility criteria and become a member prior to submitting the entry form. Levo Credit Union employees, volunteer officials, affiliates and their relatives are ineligible. The applicant must show proof of enrollment before scholarship funds will be disbursed.

#### **Submission Requirements**

Each entry must include the following documents:

- Completed and signed application form.
- Letter of recommendation from an unrelated person who is familiar with the applicant's community.
- Personal video or essay on your community service activities.

## **Submission Options**

	DIGITAL SUBMISSION	MAIL-IN SUBMISSION
Step 1: Recommendation	Acquire and provide digital letter of recommendation from an unrelated person who is familiar with the applicant's community service activities. This must be signed by the author. Will accept PDF, JPG and Microsoft Word documents. (May choose to scan document)	Acquire and provide written letter of recommendation from an unrelated person who is familiar with the applicant's community service activities. This must be signed by the author.
Step 2: Essay	There are 2 forms of digital submissions you can choose from:  1. Video - Simply record a 2-minute video by phone or digital camera that shows us how you have contributed to your community. It is recommended to save your videos to YouTube or Vimeo to provide link. (Important things to consider when making your video are creativity, enthusiasm, authenticity and community involvement.) Have fun!  2. Essay – Write a short essay of no more than 500 words, telling us about how you've contributed to your community.	Write a short essay of no more than 500 words, telling us about how you've contributed to your community.
Step 3: Submit	Submit your application information at: <a href="https://www.levo.org/giving-back/scholarships">www.levo.org/giving-back/scholarships</a>	Download PDF and Print Application at: www.levo.org/giving-back/scholarships (also a digital form.)  Mail your submission to: Levo Credit Union C/O Cheryl Vander Stouwe 1741 S. Cleveland Ave. Suite 201 Sioux Falls, SD 57103

# **Judging Criteria**

All entries will be judged on a set of criteria to include financial need, academic achievement, service to the community, the letter of recommendation and literary quality of the essay.

#### **Deadline for Entries**

All entries, including accompanying letters of recommendation must be submitted by no later than April 5, 2026. Winners will be notified by May 8, 2026.