



John F. Simoncini 2026 College Scholarship Program

We are pleased to announce that our John F. Simoncini College Scholarship Program will be awarding **\$2,000 college scholarships** to up to four (4) students this year.

Deadline & How To Apply

Completed applications and accompanying materials must be **received** by Worcester Credit Union **no later than July 15, 2026**. Applications may be submitted via e-mail to Lmiller@worcestercu.com or a hard copy delivered to:

Worcester Credit Union
520 West Boylston Street
Worcester, MA 01606

Eligibility

Eligibility is limited to high school seniors and students with a GED certificate that have been accepted to a college or university for the 2026-2027 academic year as well as current undergraduate students enrolled in the 2026-2027 academic year. The student or their parent/guardian must be a member of Worcester Credit Union in good standing. Each applicant must complete this scholarship application form and submit it with all other required materials to Worcester Credit Union by **July 15, 2026**

Your Submission Packet Must Include:

1. Completed Scholarship Application
2. High School Transcript of grades or most recent College Transcript if currently in college
3. Typewritten essay (see details below)

*We may ask for additional documentation to verify information contained in your application.

The Essay

The essay must be written solely by the student applicant. While AI may be used to perform research, the essay must be written by the student themselves. Any essays identified as AI generated or resulting from plagiarism will automatically disqualify the applicant. The essay should be no longer than 1,000 words.

The Essay Topic:

The Greek philosopher Plato suggested that the ultimate meaning of life is the pursuit of knowledge and virtue so that one can attain the deepest forms of fulfillment and happiness.

Today, general knowledge is a voice prompt away, and happiness is often little more than a fleeting emotion. As tech-driven intelligence continues to advance, **what do you think the ideal human society should look like 50 years from now and how might a day in the life of someone living in your hypothetical future play out?** As part of addressing these questions, **do you think Plato's view on the meaning of life will still have merit in that era?**

Criteria For Awarding Scholarships

Recipient selection will be made on or before **July 31, 2026** by a panel comprised of Worcester Credit Union Directors and management. Applications will be evaluated primarily on academic prowess, financial need, community involvement, and essay quality. Recipients will be notified in early August, and an award ceremony will be held at Worcester Credit Union's Member Appreciation Cookout on **August 25, 2026**, featuring free food, Mike Hsu from 100FM The Pike, the WooSox mascot **& hopefully you!**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME:

STUDENT AGE:

EMAIL:

TELEPHONE:

STREET ADDRESS:

WHO IS A WORCESTER CREDIT UNION MEMBER:

APPLICANT

PARENT/GUARDIAN

NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED?

YES

NO

DESIRED DEGREE & MAJOR:

ESTIMATED MATRICULATION YEAR:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

APPROXIMATE HOUSEHOLD ANNUAL INCOME: \$

AMOUNT OF OTHER FINANCIAL AID/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIP(S) RECEIVED: \$

ANNUAL TUITION: \$

ESTIMATED ANNUAL ROOM & BOARD EXPENSE: \$

ESTIMATED ANNUAL BOOKS/SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT EXPENSE: \$

ESTIMATED ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE: \$

OTHER ESTIMATED ANNUAL EXPENSES: \$

PLEASE SUMMARIZE PAST/CURRENT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND/OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE CONSIDERED:

The undersigned applicants affirms the information \in this application and accompanying materials is true and accurate.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE:_____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE:_____