



# Floyd and Gladys Carter Scholarship Application



The Floyd and Gladys Carter Scholarship Award is designed to support and encourage students pursuing a degree from a college or university. This scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated a dedicated commitment to academics, educational achievements, community involvement, and a clear commitment to their future. Below are the application requirements and evaluation criteria for this award.

**Carter Credit Union will award (one) scholarship winner \$2,500. The winner will be announced and notified before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2025. The winner will also be posted on the Carter Credit Union website and social media pages.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Scholarship Application Presentation Selection:** Applicants may select the format of their choice to use for their scholarship application presentation of materials. For example: power point, flipbook, report format, booklet format. Please make certain you include all application requirement documents listed below.

### Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a high school student planning to enroll full-time in an accredited college or university in the fall of 2025.
- The applicant or their parent/guardian must have been member of Carter Credit Union for at least two years and be in good standing with the credit union.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a minimum ACT score of 18 or SAT score of 500.
- Carter Credit Union staff members, directors and their family members - including but not limited to spouses, siblings, parents, children, grandchildren, stepparents, stepsiblings are not eligible to apply for the scholarship.

### Application Requirements:

1. **Grade Point Average (GPA):** Submit a certified copy of high school transcript, including your GPA for each academic year.
2. **Honors and Awards:** Provide a detailed list of any honors or awards received during high school in academics, athletics, extracurricular activities, or community service.
3. **Community and Civic Involvement:** Detail your involvement in school and community organizations, including clubs, volunteer work, or civic groups.

4. **ACT or SAT Scores:** Submit official scores from ACT or SAT.
5. **Applicant Photo:** Provide a photo with your application. This will be used on the Carter Credit Union website, social media and newsletter.
6. **Letters of Recommendation:** Include two letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to your character, work ethic and potential in your chosen field. Suitable references include teachers, coaches, employers, or mentors.
7. **Personal Essay:** Write an essay (500-750 words, double spaced) addressing one of the following topics. Essay will be scored for proper spelling, punctuation, word count, and coverage of all essay requirements.
  - Should parents be legally accountable if their child commits a school shooting using their firearm?
  - What are potential benefits and risks of artificial intelligence in job markets? In years to come, will we look back and see artificial intelligence as a positive or negative?
  - Who has been the most influential person in your life, and how has this person shaped your goals and aspirations?
  - How does the First Amendment impact the debate over prayer in schools, and what do you feel could or should be done regarding prayer in school?
  - If you could be President of the United States for one year, what are the top two priorities you would address and why?
8. **Skills and Development:** Provide details of any hands-on experiences, internships, part-time jobs, or personal projects related to your field of interest during high school.

**Selection Process: All applications will be based on both subjective criteria and weighted, objective criteria.** Each application will be evaluated by an outside agency to provide an unbiased opinion.

The winner of the scholarship will need to provide the tuition invoice from the admissions office to Carter Credit Union. This invoice can be mailed to the address below or emailed to [marketing@cartercu.org](mailto:marketing@cartercu.org). Once the invoice is received, we will mail the scholarship proceeds directly to the admissions office.

### **Submission Deadline and Instructions**

**Scholarship applications can be submitted either by email or regular mail. All application materials must be received no later than Friday, March 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Emailed applications send to:** [marketing@cartercu.org](mailto:marketing@cartercu.org)

**Mailed Application:** Applications received in our office that are postmarked **Friday, March 14, 2025**, but are not received in our office on or before the deadline date will not be considered.

#### **Mail Application to:**

Carter Credit Union  
Attn: Jill Folks  
Chief Marketing Officer  
8988 Ellerbe Road  
Shreveport, LA 71106