



**Trona Valley Federal Credit Union** is proud to invest in the lives of our member-owners. Each year we recognize outstanding student members of all ages through our Trona Valley Scholarship Program. For the 2026–2027 academic year, Trona Valley will award **two \$2,000 scholarships**.

Scholarships will be awarded to new high school graduates, current college students, and/or continuing education students. Scholarship money can be used for any college expenses including books, tuition, and living costs.

The Trona Valley Scholarship Program helps students who are leaders in both the classroom and their communities, but who may not have the financial means to attend college. The scholarship program is available to any Trona Valley Federal Credit Union member, of any age, who is working toward their first undergraduate degree.

Complete the following application. Sign, date, and return it with your essay and a copy of your most recent transcripts. Optional Video Submission (10 points!) — Upload a short video to YouTube and provide a link for our access. Introduce yourself with your first name and tell us why you like Trona Valley FCU. This video should be 1.00—2.00 minutes in length. Have fun, be creative!

#### Application Tips...

- Follow instructions carefully. Incomplete or late packets will not be accepted
- Transcripts can sometimes take up to 4 weeks to receive
- Essays must be typed. If you need additional space answering any question you may continue on another piece of paper
- If you need assistance, a high school counselor, college advisor, your parents, or another college student may be a good resource
- If you have any questions regarding the application, please call 307-413-1140

Thank you for making a difference in your classroom and in your community. Best of luck in your educational endeavors!

## Eligibility

- Must be a primary member of Trona Valley FCU and accounts must be in good standing.
- Must be a graduating high school senior or equivalent, a current college student, or a continuing education student working toward a first undergraduate degree. Graduate students not eligible.
- Must have a minimum 2.50 cumulative grade point average.
- Must take at least nine (9) credit hours per semester for the 2026–2027 academic year.
- Must be a first-time Trona Valley FCU scholarship recipient.
- Applicants who have already received a full scholarship should not apply.
- Must submit:
  - ◊ A completed Trona Valley Scholarship Application
  - ◊ An official high school or college transcript for the most recently completed semester
  - ◊ An essay
  - ◊ A 1.00 to 2.00 minute video (optional, but additional points will be awarded)

## Judging Criteria and Information

Judging will be conducted by an impartial scholarship committee consisting of volunteers from CO. The primary intent of the committee is to discover well-rounded and education-oriented individuals and assist them in advancing their education.

Completed applications will be judged on past academic performance, future academic goals, financial need, community service and volunteer work and content of essay response (mechanics, style, grammar and originality). Life experience will be a contributing factor. Scholarship recipients are selected without regard to race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, veteran status, sex, handicap or relation to Trona Valley employees or volunteers. All decisions by the scholarship committee are final and not open to contest.

Each judge will award a maximum of 110 points to each application. Judges will base their scores on originality, clarity, meaningful content, accurate presentation of facts, adherence to scholarship rules, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Point breakdown is as follows:

- Past Academic Performance and Future Academic Goals – 15 points
- Financial Need – 15 points
- Community Service and Volunteer Work – 20 points
- Essay – 50 points
- Video (optional) – 10 points

## Awarding Scholarships

Decisions will be made by Thursday, July 16, 2026. Scholarship recipients will be notified by telephone/email by the end of July. Scholarship recipients will be announced shortly thereafter.

## Submission Information

Submissions are due to Trona Valley by the close of business on **Thursday, June 11, 2026**. Scholarship applications will not be considered unless all required information is received by the deadline. Trona Valley will not be responsible for lost, delayed or misdirected emails. No faxes. No extra material.

Submit application, transcripts, and essay electronically to: **[dcordova@tronavalley.com](mailto:dcordova@tronavalley.com)**  
Upload video to YouTube and provide appropriate link, if you choose to submit a video.  
(Please print link clearly.)

Please complete all information honestly and to the best of your ability. Your application will be kept in a confidential file and shredded once scholarship recipients are chosen.

Mr. Ms. Mrs. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First/Middle Initial/Last

Former Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/City/State/Zip

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/City/State/Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Past Academic Performance and Future Goals**

Your Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Currently Attending School/Where: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted:    Yes    No

Class enrollment for the 2026/2027 school year:      Freshman      Sophomore      Junior      Senior

I will be working PART-TIME while attending school.      Yes      No

I will be working FULL-TIME while attending school.      Yes      No

Number of hours per semester you plan to take: \_\_\_\_\_ Field of Study/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Need**

Will you be financially supported by your parents while attending school?      Yes      No

Annual Gross Household Income:  
Below \$20,000      \$20,000 - \$39,999      \$40,000 - \$59,999      \$60,000 - \$79,999      \$80,000 - \$99,000  
\$100,000+

Number of dependents supported by household income (including self): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe, in detail, your financial need for this award: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Academic Awards

Please specify other scholarships/grants you have received:

Name of Scholarship/Grant	Awarded By	\$ Amount Year Received	One-time or Ongoing
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# Community Service and Volunteer Work

List any community service or volunteer work during the **past two (2) years**. Include any non-paid activities performed in the community through service-based clubs, organizations or school.

Organization/Group Benefited	Year performed	Your Role/Description of Activity
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Which of your community service/volunteer work experiences have been the most meaningful and why?

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What have you learned from your community service/volunteer work experiences?

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## Essay

Respond to the following essay question. Your essay must be typed, in Times New Roman or Arial font, double spaced and contain a minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 500 words. Do not use your name or family's name in the essay and do not put your name on the essay page. Our judges will be evaluating your essay on content, spelling, grammar, and originality.

First, describe yourself in three words and briefly state why in one or two sentences. Second, complete your essay by telling us why you have decided to attend your future school and how your coursework and intended degree will allow you to enrich your community and those around you.

## Video (Optional)

Upload a short video to YouTube and provide a link for our access. Introduce yourself with your first name and tell us why you like Trona Valley FCU. This video should be 1.00—2.00 minutes in length. Have fun, be creative!

Provide a video link: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Applicant is responsible for security, viewing settings, comments and all related care of the video.

Print clearly.



### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I certify that the information in this application and all accompanying documents are true and correct. I also certify that I personally answered all questions and wrote the essay relating to this scholarship application. I understand that falsification of any statement made by me on this application is grounds for disqualification from further consideration for a Trona Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship.

I also understand that if I am chosen as one of the two scholarship recipients I will need to provide a photo of myself. Furthermore, I hereby grant Trona Valley Federal Credit Union, and those acting under their authority, absolute and irrevocable right, license and permission to use, in perpetuity, my name and likeness for purposes of media and public relations (Trona Valley Federal Credit Union promotions only). I also waive the right to inspect or approve any such use of my name and likeness.

Applicant's Name

Date

Applicant's Signature

Trona Valley Federal Credit Union

Submit the following electronically (PDF) to: [dcordova@tronavalley.com](mailto:dcordova@tronavalley.com)

- Completed application
- Essay
- Transcripts

Submit optional video through YouTube

**Due Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026, 5:00 PM (MT)**

Phone: 800-331-6268

Application questions: Call 307-413-1140

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