

# RGV CREDIT UNION

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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## 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships currently being offered; check off which scholarship(s) you would like to be considered for. You may apply for more than one (1) scholarship.

**RGVCU Scholarship:** Student must be in the top 25% of class, parent/legal guardian and or student must be a member of RGVCU. Application will be selected based on: Scholastic Achievement, Financial Need, Extra Curricular Activities and Essay.

**Essay Question:** How are you educating yourself on personal finance and money management issues? Please include how you can utilize your credit union's financial education expertise.

**Sue Bennett Scholarship:**

Student must be in the top 25% of class, parent/legal guardian and or student must be a member of RGVCU. Application will be selected based on: Scholastic Achievement, Financial Need, Extra Curricular Activities and Essay.

**Essay Question:** How are you educating yourself on personal finance and money management issues? Please include how you can utilize your credit union's financial education expertise.

**Shepherd "Sonny" Brazil Scholarship:** Student must be in the top 50% of class, parent/legal guardian and or student must be a member of RGVCU. Student must be involved in FFA, or 4-H. Application will be selected based on: Agricultural Involvement, Financial Need, Extra Curricular Activities and Essay.

**Essay Question:** How are you educating yourself on personal finance and money management issues? Please include how you can utilize your credit union's financial education expertise.

**Leonard Leal Scholarship:** Student must be in the top 50% of class, parent/legal guardian and or student must be a member of RGVCU. Student must be involved in FFA, 4-H and or Trade, Vocational Programs. Application will be selected based on: Agricultural Involvement/Trade School/ Vocational Program, Financial Need, Extra Curricular Activities and Essay.

**Essay Question:** How are you educating yourself on personal finance and money management issues? Please include how you can utilize your credit union's financial education expertise.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- General Application Guidelines

All applications and essays must be typed. Handwritten submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances. Applicants are required to complete the entire application form. Any application that contains incorrect or incomplete information will not be considered for review.

- Formatting and Submission Rules

All necessary information must be provided within the space allotted on the application form. Additional lines or separate pages are not permitted and will not be accepted as part of your submission. Except for the essay section, every portion of the application must be filled out using the designated form provided.

- Required Documentation

A copy of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) page showing the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for college expenses must accompany your scholarship application. References and transcripts should not be included with your application materials.

- Notification of Recipients

Applicants selected to receive the scholarship will be notified by both telephone and letter before the end of June 2026.

- Important Anonymity Instructions

To ensure an unbiased review process, do not include your name, school or district name, club names, or sports affiliations on page three, page four, or in any essay submitted with the application. Applications are reviewed without identifying information to prevent favoritism.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**Last Name  First Name Middle Initial Mailing Address City/State/Zip  Telephone Number Are you (student) a Credit Union member? ☐ Yes ☐ NoParent(s) | Legal Guardian Name(s) Are your parent(s) | legal guardian(s) Credit Union members? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I agree and understand if awarded the RGVCU scholarship,  
funds will be awarded & payable to me by check.

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Applicant's (Student) Signature & Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
authorize RGV Credit Union to use the name/photo of the recipient for: photos, statements and  
likeness, without charge, for promotional purposes in publications, advertising, video, web and  
other formats.

**FOR SCHOOL OFFICE USE ONLY**

Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_ in class of \_\_\_\_\_

G.P.A (Based on 4.0 Scale) \_\_\_\_\_

SAT: Math \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal \_\_\_\_\_

Writing \_\_\_\_\_

ACT \_\_\_\_\_

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Principal or Counselor Signature & Date

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School Name

## FAFSA | HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

\$

Household Income

\$

Number of Members in Household (excluding applicant)

Number of children (excluding applicant) currently attending college

Of those children already attending college, what is the percentage of their college expense funded by scholarship or grants?

## SCHOLARSHIP(S) APPLIED FOR AND OR AWARDED

Scholarship Name	Amount	Awarded (Yes No Pending)
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## SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS (DO NOT INCLUDE SCHOOL NAME)

Band, Choir, NHS, Clubs, etc.	# Years Involved	Hours committed per week
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## VOLUNTEER | COMMUNITY SERVICE

Organization	# Years Involved	# Hours committed per week
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

Place of Employment	Position Held	Dates Worked   Hours worked weekly

## 2026 LEONARD LEAL SCHOLARSHIP – APPLICANT

List Vocational Classes Taken	Year: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and/or Senior

## CHECKLIST

Make sure you have included everything listed below:

- Copy of FAFSA
- Principal or Counselor Signature (cover page)
- Scholarship Essay: Submit an essay for each question which pertains to the scholarship(s) you are applying for.

Completed application(s) are due no later than Friday, March 6, 2026.