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## **Members First Credit Union Announces 2026 Scholarship Program**

*Scholarships honor community leaders while supporting students on their educational journeys*

**MANCHESTER, January 22, 2026** — [Members First Credit Union](#) is now accepting applications for its annual scholarship program, which awards a total of \$7,500 to six students in support of higher education. The scholarships are designed to help local students continue their academic journeys while honoring individuals whose leadership and service have made a lasting impact on Members First and the communities it serves.

The Members First Scholarship Program reflects the credit union's long-standing commitment to investing in its community. Through four distinct scholarships—the John S. Walsh Memorial Scholarship, the Michael L. Briggs Memorial Scholarship, the Wilbur L. Jenkins Memorial Scholarship, and the Members First Credit Union Memorial Scholarship—Members First recognizes students who demonstrate dedication, responsibility, leadership, and a desire to move forward with purpose.

"Education opens doors, and we're proud to support our members as they take the next step forward," said Courtney Fifield, President and CEO of Members First Credit Union.

"These scholarships honor the legacy of leaders who believed deeply in service, community, and opportunity—values that continue to guide Members First today."

All scholarships are available to eligible Members First Credit Union members, with each award designed to honor a specific legacy and support students from different backgrounds and fields of study. Scholarship recipients are selected based on criteria specific to each award.

- [The Members First Credit Union Memorial Scholarship](#) is open to applicants who meet the general eligibility requirements, making it accessible to a broad range of students across the community.
- [The John S. Walsh Memorial Scholarship](#) supports individuals connected to municipal service.
- [The Michael L. Briggs Memorial Scholarship](#) supports students pursuing careers in law enforcement or criminal justice.
- [The Wilbur L. Jenkins Memorial Scholarship](#) supports students studying business-related fields.

Applications are now open, and the deadline to apply is March 31, 2026. [Click here](#) for complete details about eligibility, scholarship criteria, and the application process.

### **About Members First Credit Union**

Founded in 1949, Members First Credit Union of New Hampshire is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative serving individuals, families, and businesses throughout the Greater Manchester region. With a people-first approach to banking, Members First offers a full range of personal and business financial services, including checking and savings accounts, loans, mortgages, and digital banking solutions.

Committed to strengthening the communities it serves, Members First Credit Union actively supports local nonprofits, community organizations, and financial education initiatives across New Hampshire. The credit union is federally insured by the NCUA and operates with a mission to help members achieve financial well-being at every stage of life. For more information, call 603-622-8781 or visit [membersfirstnh.org](https://membersfirstnh.org).

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