



John D. Unangst Memorial Scholarship

Application Guide

FMFCU Foundation is awarding four \$4,000 John D. Unangst Memorial Scholarships to high school seniors who will be attending a full time course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university, trade, technical or business school. All scholarship recipients will be recognized at the FMFCU Foundation Celebration on April 16, 2026 at The Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill, PA.

ELIGIBILITY

- Qualified applicants must be a graduating high school senior who will be attending a full time course of study at an accredited two (2) or four (4) year college, university, trade, technical, or business school
- Applicants must reside in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey or Maryland
- Recipients must be able to attend the FMFCU Foundation Celebration on April 16, 2026, at The Drexelbrook to personally accept the award
- Employees and volunteers of Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union and FMFCU Foundation, their affiliates, and their immediate family members are ineligible
- Eligible students may apply for the John D. Unangst Memorial, Delco Hi-Q, and Bridge to Success Scholarships but may not receive more than one

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A complete application must be submitted prior to the deadline of January 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM EST. Applications are only accepted online through the official online submission form. Mailed or hand-delivered applications will not be considered.

For a submission to be considered complete, it should contain all required information, including:

- Personal contact information
- Contact information for school guidance counselor
- Written essay
- Copy of high school transcript (official or unofficial)

ESSAY CRITERIA

Essay Prompt: *Tell us about a work, community service or extracurricular experience that had a meaningful impact on your personal growth. How has it shaped who you are today?*

Please follow these criteria when preparing your scholarship essay:

- **Length:** Maximum of two pages, double-spaced
- **Margins:** Use 1-inch margins on all sides
- **Font:** Choose either Times New Roman or Arial, in 12-point size
- **Identification:** Do not include your name, school, or school district anywhere in, on the essay, or anywhere within the name of the uploaded file

Essays will be scored on a point system based on the following criteria:

- **Addressing the prompt:** Acknowledgement of this year's prompt
- **Effort:** Demonstrates quality, details, personality and insight
- **Wording/Phrasing:** Demonstrates command of language
- **Organization:** Fluid sentence and paragraph structure with clear transitions from the opening statement to the body, and to the conclusion of the essay
- **Revision/Editing:** Subject-verb agreement, consistent verb tense, accurate punctuation, free of spelling errors and typos

ORIGINALITY REQUIREMENTS

All essays must be the applicant's own original work. Submissions will be reviewed for plagiarism, including content generated by Artificial Intelligence tools. Essays found to violate these standards will be disqualified.

SELECTION PROCESS

Scholarships are awarded on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis. Scholarship recipients are selected without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability or other protected characteristics. The essays are anonymously judged by a committee. The application containing student information, including name and school, is hidden from reviewers. The committee is comprised of representatives from the field of education and FMFCU Foundation. Essays will be anonymously scored on a point system based on the categories described above.

A final committee of three judges will evaluate the highest scoring essays to determine the final four recipients. No award may be recommended to a party related to any member of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

FMFCU Foundation scholarship recipients shall be notified after the Foundation has given final approval of the scholarship award recipients. Please ensure all applicant contact information is correct, as it will be used by FMFCU Foundation to notify recipients. Recipients shall be required to complete a form indicating their acceptance of the scholarship and confirm attendance at the FMFCU Foundation Celebration.

FUND DISBURSEMENTS

FMFCU Foundation will send scholarship checks directly to the educational institution selected by the recipient, and will instruct the institution to deposit the check into the recipient's school account upon verification of the student's full-time status.

It is the policy of FMFCU Foundation to require educational institutions that have received funds on behalf of the scholarship recipients to return unused funds to the Foundation if the student transfers, or otherwise ceases to be enrolled at the institution, or if the funds cannot be used on behalf of the student for academic purposes or for room and board expenses payable to the institution. FMFCU Foundation does not intend that scholarship awards be made available directly to students.



John D. Unangst

Profile and Scholarship History

Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union's first and long-serving President/CEO, John D. Unangst, was a visionary leader whose commitment to community, education, and service left a lasting legacy. Under his leadership, FMFCU launched numerous initiatives that strengthened its connection to the communities it serves, including the establishment of FMFCU Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting education and charitable causes.

John served as the Foundation's first Board President and was a driving force behind its signature programs. He championed financial literacy, helped sustain Delco Hi-Q, the nation's oldest continuous academic competition, and played a pivotal role in creating the annual FMFCU Foundation Celebration, which recognizes outstanding community impact.

Beyond his professional achievements, John exemplified a life of service. A decorated U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, he earned the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal for Valor, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. He served on several local boards, including the Riddle HealthCare Foundation, Penn State Brandywine Advisory Board, and CCRES, and was inducted into the Interboro Alumni Hall of Fame in 2005 for his dedication to community service.

In honor of John's 25th anniversary with the Credit Union in 2001, FMFCU's Board of Directors named its scholarship program after him. Today, the John D. Unangst Memorial Scholarship continues to reflect his values and vision. Administered by FMFCU Foundation, the program annually awards four \$4,000 scholarships to high school seniors continuing their education, helping to empower the next generation of leaders and change makers.