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# Kathryn R. Coleman Financial Capability Scholarship

## Guidelines

**Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

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The Kathryn R. Coleman Financial Capability Scholarship will be awarded to one student member to help fund his/her pursuit of a higher education.

Eligibility for **\$1,000 scholarship**:

- CommonWealth One members either graduating from high school in spring/summer 2026 or continuing studies at a college, university, or other institution of higher learning in the 2026-2027 academic year.

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### 1. **Student applicants must be primary members of CommonWealth One**

Applicants must have an account in his or her own name at the credit union. Joint owners are **not** considered primary members.

### 2. Employees, directors, and committee members of CommonWealth One (and their immediate family members) are **NOT** eligible for the scholarship.

### 3. Applicants must submit:

- Completed scholarship application
- Official **sealed** school transcript(s)\*
- Completed activities information and an essay of 250-500 words, typed and double-spaced (***Please DO NOT put your name on your essay***)
- A recent full color headshot and/or acceptance video interview will be requested if selected as winner (Photographs and videos will be used in CommonWealth One press releases, social post and advertising).

### 4. The items above must be sent to CommonWealth One Headquarters and received by **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**. Incomplete or late entries will not be considered. **Submit entries to:**

CommonWealth One  
ATTN: Financial Capability Scholarship Contest  
P.O. Box 9997  
Alexandria, VA 22304-0797

email: [scholarships@cofcu.org](mailto:scholarships@cofcu.org)  
Subj: FC Scholarship Application

### 5. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited college, university, or other institution of higher learning during the 2026-2027 academic year.

### 6. **The award of \$1,000...**

will be paid to the appropriate office at the educational institution of choice (must submit proof of registration). Money must be applied to the 2026-2027 academic year.

### 7. CommonWealth One judges' decisions are final. CommonWealth One also reserves the right to cancel the competition in the event that too few qualified applications are received.

### 8. Winner will be notified no later than by the beginning of May 2026. Only the winning applicant will be notified.



*\* Freshman applicants – please submit both a high school transcript and college transcript.*

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## Scholarship Application

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1. Please type or print your application clearly; essays should be typed and double-spaced.
2. Applicant must be a **primary member** of CommonWealth One.
3. Please **DO NOT** write your name, account number, or social security number on your essay or activities pages.
4. Application, essay, and sealed official transcripts must be received by **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**. Late entries will not be considered. **Submit completed package to:**

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I certify that all the information that I am providing is true and correct. I agree that if I am selected as a scholarship recipient, CommonWealth One may use my name, photograph and/or video (which I will provide) for publicity purposes.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

*(required only if applicant is a minor)*

### Personal Information

*Please provide contact information where you can be reached in May 2026*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **CommonWealth One Account Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Evening Phone** \_\_\_\_\_



Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Information

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

College/university you will be, or are attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fall 2022 status: (please circle)      Freshman      Sophomore      Junior      Senior      Graduate Student

Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Minor  
(if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

## Activities and Essay

List all extracurricular activities you have been involved in during high school and/or college. *Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.*

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List any other activities and/or information you consider significant and would like to be taken into consideration (e.g. awards, honors, community service, work experience, etc.). *Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.*

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**ESSAY PROMPT:** CommonWealth One FCU is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative focused on helping members reach short and long-term financial goals. What does financial capability mean to you, and what role will/does higher education (and your studies specifically) play in helping you become more financially capable?

*Essay must be typewritten on a separate sheet of paper. If you applied in a previous year, you CANNOT use the same essay. Please prepare a new response.*