

# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

IN HONOR OF

## GALE OSTERLOH & WILBUR WOODROW WALTON

**4 Eligible Seniors will Receive \$2,500**

Must be a graduating senior, member of the credit union, or immediate family of a member to be eligible.

**Application Deadline April 15, 2025**



**generations**  
a division of community 1st credit union





Each year, Community 1<sup>st</sup> Credit Union & Generations, a Division of Community 1<sup>st</sup> Credit Union are proud to offer four (4) scholarships of \$2,500 each to eligible graduating seniors!!

Through these scholarships, we honor our history and those important to the credit union mission and vision.

The scholarship funds may be used for tuition, supplies and books. Any certified education or training school qualifies. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the students' school of choice upon notification of acceptance.



***In Honor of: Gale Osterloh (1917-1985)***

Gale Osterloh was a long-time advocate for Postal Workers and the first manager of Community 1<sup>st</sup> Credit Union. He was also one of the founders of the Credit Union Executives Society (CUES) and was inducted into the CUES Hall of Fame in 1988. CUES is a foundation that is dedicated to educating credit union leaders and providing them with the resources they need to assist in achieving their full potential.



***In Honor of: Wilbur Woodrow Walton (1916 – 1999)***



Wilbur Woodrow Walton was a Korean War veteran and truly believed in the credit union difference. He advocated for Employment Security Department employees and worked alongside Generations Credit Union to ensure their best interests were always represented. Walton was known for being adventurous, a lifetime learner, and an active volunteer in the community. He was a strong believer in personal growth and had an unmatched sense of humor.

Both honorees embodied special and unique characteristics and were true believers in the credit union movement and difference. They were active volunteers in their communities.

- Never afraid to try something new.
- Believed in the value of personal growth.
- Never stopped learning.

**Please tell us – on your application – your special qualities and how you continue to help your community, make a difference and never stop learning!**



## **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION / INSTRUCTIONS:**

### **Rules & Restrictions:**

Applicant must be a member (or immediate family of a member) of Community 1<sup>st</sup> Credit Union or Generations, a Division of Community 1<sup>st</sup> as of December 31<sup>st</sup> the year prior to high school graduation. The member / family must be a graduating high school senior and seeking to further their education, skills or vocational development at any accredited educational institution. These funds may be used for tuition, supplies and books. Any certified education or training school qualifies. If the student is granted the scholarship and upon enrollment in their school of choice, they should contact the credit union with the school's name, address and their student ID number. A check will then be made payable to and mailed directly to the college, university, community college or vocational / technical school of choice.

### **How applications will be judged:**

A professional in the field of academics who is also an impartial third party will judge applications in conjunction with credit union volunteers.

### **Winners will be selected based on the following:**

Student Essay, academic achievements, demonstration of leadership and participation in activities.

### **Instructions:**

The application packet must be completed and returned to the credit union no later than **April 15<sup>th</sup> the year of graduation from high school**. Please mail to:

**Attn: Scholarship Committee**

**PO Box 870**

**DuPont, WA 98327**

### **The application packet must include the following: (details to follow):**

- The completed application form.
- Two completed letters of recommendation from persons who will describe the reasons you would be the best choice for the scholarship. These letters cannot be from a family member.
- An essay on one of the following topics: choose **#1 or #2** – the essay should be typed, and between 200-300 words (not more than 2 pages).

Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that exist to serve members.

“People helping people” is the philosophical foundation of these institutions.

- 1) If you ran a credit union, what products / services would you offer to your members aged 25 and younger, why would you offer these products, and how would you market them? In addition, discuss the benefits of having good credit, and how these products / services could help a member build their credit.
- 2) Tell us “What the credit union means to you and your family.” Include details about how long you or your family member have been with the credit union, and what memories you have in regards to finances with your family. New car / house / savings accounts for special vacations or family memories? We'd love to hear about how we may have helped with your families' financial goals!



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**Please fill out the following information completely & legibly.**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Community 1<sup>st</sup> / Generations Account number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Counselor or equivalent (name, phone # and email): \_\_\_\_\_

Awards and / or Acclamations received: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken any college courses: \_\_\_\_\_

If so, where: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT / INTERNSHIP BACKGROUND:**

Are you currently employed: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: (From) \_\_\_\_\_ (To) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours worked per week: \_\_\_\_\_

List any previous employers: \_\_\_\_\_



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**CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION:**

If you are awarded a scholarship, what accredited educational institution do you plan to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_

What type of certification / major / degree are you seeking: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to complete this program: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES:**

Please list any community or school activities that you are involved in (i.e. volunteer service, clubs, student government, sports).

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: (From) \_\_\_\_\_ (To) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your participation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your participation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**OTHER FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS & REQUIREMENTS:**

Have you been awarded other financial assistance for this years' schooling: Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

Source(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount(s): \_\_\_\_\_



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**IN THE SPACE BELOW PLEASE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN HOW THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU:**

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**I certify that all information included in this application is true, complete, and accurate. I authorize the release of this information to confirm and / or verify this application.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*PLEASE ATTACH YOUR ESSAY TO THIS APPLICATION.**

**SEND TO:**

**ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
PO BOX 870  
DUPONT, WA 98327**

**\*PLEASE ATTACH TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO THIS APPLICATION.**

**NEXT PAGE: PARAMETERS AND DETAILS REGARDING LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION – PLEASE GIVE TO INDIVIDUAL(S) WHO WILL BE SUPPLYING YOUR LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION.**

**Thank you for taking the time to apply! We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!**



**GALE OSTERLOH / WILBUR WOODROW WALTON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:**

**Letter(s) of Recommendation Parameters:**

Please include the following information in your completed letter of recommendation:

- Name of applicant
- Your name
- How long you have known the applicant
- If you are acquainted due to an employer / employee relationship, please indicate your job title
- Your phone number and email address in case we need to contact you for further information
- Explain why you believe the applicant deserves this scholarship

**Thank you for your time and input!**