

John W. Potter Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility:

The applicant must be a college-bound, graduating senior with a cumulative weighted high school GPA of 3.0 or above and attend a high school located within one of the following counties in Kansas: Johnson, Wyandotte or Leavenworth. Applicants must be a current member or child of a member of Reliance Credit Union as of March 1, 2026.

Application Deadline: April 30, 2026.



Reliance Credit Union is proud to sponsor the “John W Potter Memorial Scholarship”. The scholarship is about the spirit of giving which was best reflected by John himself. John came to work at BPU in 1971 and retired in 2008, after 37 years of service. He became involved with the credit union not long after he went to work at BPU. John started off as a volunteer on our Credit Committee and later became a Board Member in 1992. He remained a Board Member until his passing in January of 2018, committing over 45 years of service as a volunteer for the Credit Union.

This scholarship is to pay tribute to the type of man that John W Potter was. It can be best understood by this quote from a current Board Member of Reliance Credit Union:

“I only had the opportunity to work with John a short time on the Credit Union Board of Directors. During that time, I observed John’s passion for the Credit Union members, Board of Directors, and its employees. I recall John often expressing his commitment during board discussions that as directors to always do what was in the best interest of the CU, which made an influence on me. John wasn’t afraid to go against the grain for the right reason. He stood up for what was right and just. He could see through the smoke screen that was occurring at that time in the credit unions history and John took it personal to ensure the CU was at its best. There were other times when John was quietly listening to the board conversation, soaking it in, you could see the expression on his face and tell if he agreed or not! John and I had a couple good conversations regarding the CU and its direction, he welcomed me as a new member to the Board and made sure I understood how important it was to be a member. I often recall John being the historian, telling stories of the CU which as a new member I appreciated, and found very valuable. I believe his spirit is still there with us when we meet.”

Reliance Credit Union will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships in memory of John W. Potter. Applications are available at either of the Reliance Credit Union branches or on the website (www.reliancecu.org). All applications must be submitted by April 30, 2026. Winners will be contacted by May 20, 2026. Winners also agree to have their names and/or pictures posted on our website or on marketing materials. Contact our offices with any questions at 913-565-2506.



**JOHN W. POTTER MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026**

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ELIGIBILITY			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be a college-bound, graduating senior from a high school located within one of the following counties in Kansas: Johnson, Wyandotte or Leavenworth. • A Reliance Credit Union member or child of a RLCU member as of March 1, 2026. • High School GPA must be 3.0 or above. • Application packets must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2026. • All winners agree to have their names and pictures posted on Website and in any marketing materials. 			
APPLICANT INFORMATION			
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	STATE ZIP
PHONE NUMBER ()		E-MAIL ADDRESS	
PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) INFORMATION			
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	
STREET		CITY	STATE ZIP
PHONE NUMBER ()			

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

For Survey Purposes Only (Optional): How were you informed about the Potter Memorial Scholarship opportunity?

_____ School _____ Family/Friend _____ Newspaper

_____ Online/Social Media _____ I'm a member of RLCU _____ Other _____
(or my parent/guardian is a member)

Attach a separate sheet describing community service or volunteer activities (outside of high school), including the names of the organizations, how you participated, the number of years of service, and total hours volunteered in 2024 & 2025.

Example entry. Loaves and Fishes, assisted in the preparation and serving of meals for the homeless, three years of service, 60 total volunteered hours in 2025.

(Please list the top five entries.)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (CUMULATIVE WEIGHTED HIGH SCHOOL GPA)

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL	GPA (Must be 3.0 or above)	DATE OF GRADUATION

AWARDS RECEIVED

Describe awards received for academic achievement, community service, or other honors.
(Attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.)

EMPLOYMENT

Do you have a job? Yes No – If yes, how many years of employment? _____
Hours per week? _____ Employer _____

COMPOSITION

Attach a separate sheet with a short personal composition (approximately 250 words) on how your educational goals will help you positively impact you and your community.

FUTURE EDUCATIONAL PLANS

I have been accepted at:

NAME/ADDRESS OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

OR

I have not yet received my letter of acceptance, but have applied to:

NAME/ADDRESS OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

YOUR APPLICATION PACKET SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Completed application
- Description of community service or volunteer activities
- A 250-word composition describing how your educational goals will positively impact you and your community
- Official transcript

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION PACKET

Please return this application, along with other required documents to":

**RELIANCE CREDIT UNION
Potter Scholarship Committee
540 Minnesota Ave.
Kansas City, KS 66101**

NOTE: Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30th, 2026.

- A. **Eligibility:**
The applicant must be a college-bound, graduating senior with a cumulative weighted high school GPA of 3.0 or above and attend a high school located within one of the following counties in Kansas: Johnson, Wyandotte or Leavenworth. RLCU employees, volunteers, and immediate family members of employees or volunteers are ineligible to participate.
- B. **Amount of Award:**
Reliance Credit Union is awarding 2 – \$1,000.00 scholarships.
- C. **Application Information:**
1. Applications are available in all RLCU branches, as well by calling **(913) 565-2506**, and online at **www.reliancecu.org**.
 2. Completed applications must be postmarked **no later than April 30, 2026**, and mailed to Reliance Credit Union (see address below).
- D. **Basis of Selection:**
Scholarship finalists will be chosen based on the following criteria:
1. Academic achievement
 2. 250-word composition
 3. Community involvement
- E. **Completing the Application:**
Please submit the completed application, a separate sheet describing your volunteerism or community involvement, a 250 word composition describing how your education goals will positively impact your community, and an official transcript.

Please send your completed application and supporting documents to:

**Reliance Credit Union
Potter Memorial Scholarship Committee
540 Minnesota Ave
Kansas City, KS 66101**

Please do not include photos or items beyond those requested for basis of selection, as application packages will not be returned.

All applications received will be treated in a confidential manner and the personal information included will be used for scholarship purposes only.

Completed applications must be postmarked **no later than April 30, 2026**. Selected applicants will be contacted and notified by May 20th.

****** All winners agree to have their names and pictures posted on RCU Website and in any marketing materials.**