

2026 UNITED HERITAGE H. RALPH WILBURN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following requirements in order to be considered to receive a \$10,000 United Heritage H. Ralph Wilburn Memorial Scholarship:

- Applications must be submitted by **March 31, 2026**.
- Applicants must be a member of United Heritage Credit Union. To become a member visit **uhcu.org** and select 'Open an Account' at the top of the page.
- Applicants must complete the full online scholarship application and upload the required additional documents (listed in more detail later in this document).
 - Scholarship Activities Workbook (Scholastic, Extracurricular & Community Service)
 - One (1) Essay Response
 - Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- Scholarship recipient must attend an institution of higher learning or a UHCF approved non-traditional school the following fall.
- If under the age of 18, applicants must have a parent or legal guardian digitally sign the application.
- Interviews may be held with the top five scholarship applicants.

REQUIRED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Scholarship Activities Workbook (Excel document with 3 separate tabs)

- **Scholastic Achievement** List on a separate Excel spreadsheet(s)
All honors courses, AP courses, college prep courses, etc. **Please also send your current transcript.**
- **Extracurricular Activities** List on a separate Excel spreadsheet(s)
All extracurricular activities you participated in during the past 4 years (e.g., student government, music/band, drill team, sports, etc.). Describe your participation in each activity. Also include the number of hours per month invested in each endeavor, the total hours for each, and a grand total of hours for all for all extracurricular activities. Include any leadership positions held and any special awards received. **Please do not list any paid work.**
- **Community Service** List on a separate Excel spreadsheet(s)
All volunteer community service activities you have participated in during the past 4 years (e.g., Red Cross, hospital volunteer, recycling project, food kitchen, etc.). Describe your participation in each activity. Also include the number of hours per month invested in each endeavor, the total hours for each, and a grand total of hours for all community service. Include any leadership positions held and any special awards received. **Please do not list any paid work. CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

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REQUIRED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS CONTINUED

Letters of Recommendation (x2)

Submit **two** letters of recommendation. Only one may be from a supervisor/teacher with a school affiliation to the applicant. The other must be from a supervisor of an outside organization you are or have been a part of during your high school career. Letters can be scanned and uploaded with online application or mailed directly to:

United Heritage Charity Foundation
Attn: Chelsea Schrimpf
[Student's Name] Scholarship Application
P.O Box 202020
Austin, Texas 78720

Essay

Applicants must complete **one** essay. Your essay should not exceed 1000 words. Please type this essay on a separate document and upload it with your online application. The topics your essay should cover are included below.

Your essay must cover 1 of the 2 topics below:

1. Explain your financial need and why you should be considered for this scholarship.
2. How have you contributed to your community and how has it impacted you personally?

You will also select 2 topics below to cover in your essay:

1. Share a time you failed and what you learned from it.
2. Share a time you stepped up as a leader.
3. What are your academic (or professional) goals?

Please note that funds will be disbursed in one installment, during the Fall of 2026, directly to the college, university or approved alternative school where the recipient is enrolled.

The scholarship application must be completed at uhcf.org/scholarship. Additional documents can be uploaded with the application as well.