



## **\$1,000 Scholarship Application (2025)**

Typed submissions (or those legibly written by hand in blue or black ink) will be accepted through *Saturday, March 1, 2025*.

*A full application – plus an extra copy – must be received by this deadline or will be ineligible for judging.*

Please do not send any part of the application package separately.

Two \$1,000 scholarships (one in each age group) will be awarded based on the student's scholastic record, involvement in extracurricular activities, volunteer work and written essay.

A \$500 scholarship may be awarded to the runner-up in each age category.

**This form may be reproduced and distributed.**

- I currently have an account with Century\*
- I do not have an account with Century\*

*\*Bonus points are awarded for having a savings and checking account with the credit union. This applies to the student, not parents, and increases your chances of earning a scholarship. To be judged as a member, account must be open by Feb. 28, 2025. In the case of any ties between a student with a Century account and a student without a Century account, the scholarship will be awarded to the former.*

**I am applying for:**

- The Louis Kovarik Scholarship**  
*For ages 13 through 15*
- The William Pauly Scholarship**  
*For ages 16 through 18*

Use your **age as of March 1, 2025**, to select which competition to enter.



**Personal Information:**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Your cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or guardian's cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholastic Information:**

Your school: \_\_\_\_\_

Your current grade level: \_\_\_\_\_ Your current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School attending in Fall 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

If attending college in Fall 2025, list your intended field of study:

\_\_\_\_\_

If you're a high school student, list any college courses you have taken (*use separate sheet, if needed*):

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List any academic achievements/awards earned (*use separate sheet, if needed*):

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Teacher, school counselor or principal's name should we need to reach them:

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

Email address or phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular School Activities:**

List below or on a separate sheet anything not required for school credit that you spend a significant amount of time doing to develop a talent or interest. Some examples: clubs you belong to; sports you participate in; involvement in theater, band or choir; competitions (such as spelling bee, debate, speech, mock trial, robotics); serving in student government; social activism; scouts. Please include the year(s) of each. Do not share community activities here; those should be listed in a different section of your entry.

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List any **leadership positions** you've held at school, such as, but not limited to, student council, clubs, sports teams, etc., and include year(s). *Use separate sheet, if needed.*

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**Community Involvement:**

List any volunteer, civic or social activities – church help/outreach, mentoring, coaching, tutoring, working with a local charity, helping organize a fundraiser, etc. Briefly describe your duties and responsibilities, how much of your time (hours) is involved, when you did the work, and the frequency. *Use a separate sheet, if needed.*

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**Goals & Plans:**

Briefly describe your goals or plans (how you will use your education). *Use a separate sheet, if needed.*

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***SIGNATURES:***

*By signing below, I certify that the information in this application is true and correct and that the submitted essay is the applicant’s own work. I agree that Century may use the name and photograph of the winner and use excerpts from this application for publicity purposes. If chosen as a recipient, I agree to make every effort to attend the credit union’s annual membership meeting on April 23 to receive the award.*

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_



# ESSAY TOPIC

*Response must be typed.*

## **The Louis Kovarik Scholarship: \$1,000**

*For ages 13 to 15, as of March 1, 2025*

*ESSAY TOPIC (250-500 words):*

If you had the power to redesign U.S. currency, which individual would you choose to appear on the front of a U.S. bill, and why?

You can select anyone – past or present, living or deceased – who has made a significant impact on American society, culture, or history.

Choose one of the following denominations (\$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100) and explain why you believe their image should be represented on that particular bill.

What qualities or accomplishments make this person deserving of such recognition, and what message would their inclusion on U.S. currency send to future generations?

## **The William Pauly Scholarship: \$1,000**

*For ages 16 to 18, as of March 1, 2025*

*ESSAY TOPIC (500-1,000 words):*

The election is over, and you are now the President of the United States. As the leader of the nation, you have the opportunity to shape its future.

What is your top priority for your first year in office, and why is it the most urgent? Feel free to include a second priority, but be sure to explain why these issues matter now and how you would address them.

How would your decisions impact the country both in the short term and long?



**Please complete and submit your essay and full application, plus an extra copy of all of it, to Century Credit Union by March 1, 2025.**

*Past winners may not win again.*

**All applications become the property of Century Credit Union.**

*Selections are chosen by an internal committee, whose decision will be final.*

**Winners will be notified by phone by the end of March or early April.**

**Drop off in person at one of our branches or send by mail.**

**Century Credit Union**  
Attn: Scholarship  
1540 Lemay Ferry Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63125

**Century Credit Union**  
Attn: Scholarship  
3920 Jeffco Blvd.  
Arnold, MO 63010

Late entries received will be excluded from the competition and not be judged.

**Questions? Send an email to [scholarships@centurycu.org](mailto:scholarships@centurycu.org) or call 314.544.1818.**

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- Higher interest paid on teen savings accounts than adult savings accounts; minimum deposit of \$25 to open an account.
- 10.00% APY paid on a 6-month Teen CD.
- Free checking account with no strings attached.
- Contactless Visa debit card; works with a digital wallet; earns rewards points for purchases.
- Free access to hundreds of ATMs locally, including at popular stores like 7-11, Circle K, and Dunkin Donuts.
- Low-rate, low-limit Visa credit card available at age 16 to help you establish and build credit. Proof of income required.