



UNIVERSITY  
CENTER OF LAKE  
COUNTY

# Scholarship Opportunities

Undergraduate  
&  
Graduate

**\$2,000**

**scholarships available!**

**4** scholarships for undergraduates

**5** scholarships for graduates

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Accepted into a University Center Member's University Undergraduate or Graduate program
- Submit a 250-word essay on future goals, leadership, community service, and what it means to be a University Center student
- Provide two letters of recommendation
- Submit a Financial-FAFSA EFC letter
- Reside or work in Lake County
- Include the most recent college transcripts

\*All University Center Students are encouraged to apply for these scholarship opportunities, including undocumented students.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to fund your education and pursue your dreams at the University Center of Lake County!

**Apply today!**

*for more info*  
**ucenter.org**

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

September 29, 2023  
By 4:59 pm





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## University Center Scholarship Undergraduate and Graduate Application

**Deadline: September 29, 2023  
by 4:59 pm**

The University Center of Lake County offers scholarships to students pursuing higher education through one of our member institutions during the 2023 – 2024 academic year. Applicants will be evaluated on the following areas: academic record, financial need, service to community, school activities, letters of recommendation, and response to the essay question.

### I. STUDENT INFORMATION (Print)

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

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your parent's highest level of education? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you work in Lake County? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, Company Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

### II. DEMOGRAPHICS: (While information is required, but will not be part of the decision-making process)

Ethnicity:

- American Indian / Alaska Native (AIA)
- Asian / Pacific Islander (API)
- Black Non-Hispanic (BNH)
- Hispanic (HSP)
- White Non-Hispanic (WNH)
- Multi-Racial
- Choose Not to Respond (CNR)

Age Range:

18 – 21 \_\_\_\_\_ 44 –48 \_\_\_\_\_  
22 – 26 \_\_\_\_\_ 49 –53 \_\_\_\_\_  
27 – 29 \_\_\_\_\_ 54 –58 \_\_\_\_\_  
30 – 33 \_\_\_\_\_ 59 –63 \_\_\_\_\_  
34 – 38 \_\_\_\_\_ 64 + \_\_\_\_\_  
39 – 43 \_\_\_\_\_ Choose Not to Respond (CNR) \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Choose Not to Respond

III. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Level: Graduate \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate \_\_\_\_\_

Name of university/college you are currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University Center Council Member university/college you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Status: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you qualify to apply for Federal Financial Aid Assistance? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

What is your expected family contribution? \_\_\_\_\_

IV. AWARDS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

V. COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES  
(Name, Start and End Dates)

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

VI. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

**These should be typed on letterhead stationery and included with the application packet.**  
Name(s) of those who are providing the letters of recommendations for you.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

VII. ESSAY

Please attach a 250-word essay, typed and double spaced. We are looking for a well written essay and will consider grammar, content, and your compelling argument. Tell us about yourself and describe why you are returning to school, your future goals, leadership, community service, and what it means to be a University Center student.

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this form is correct. I hereby authorize the University Center of Lake County to take, reproduce and use photographs and/or video footage of me, for use of advertising, publicity, commercial or other business purposes (e.g., the University Center website, newsletters, social media etc.).

I understand this authorization will be in effect until revoked in writing and I have read and fully understand the terms of this release.

Applicants Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Scholarship Policy

The University Center of Lake County awards a scholarship to students who reside or work in Lake County and who are pursuing their undergraduate / graduate program at a University Center member university.

All scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the Scholarship Awards Ceremony, if unable to attend the recipient should arrange for a representative to attend in their place.

The full scholarship amount shall be paid directly to the bursar/financial aid office of the school the student is attending and will be applied towards tuition and fees.

## Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for a University Center of Lake County scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

- Accepted into a University Center Member's University Undergraduate or Graduate program.
- Submit a 250-word essay and describe your future goals, leadership, community service, and what it means to be a University Center student.
- Provide two letters of recommendations.
- Submit a Financial-FAFSA EFC (Expected Family Contribution) statement.
- Reside or work in Lake County
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## How to Apply

To apply, please do as follows:

1. Download scholarship application from [www.ucenter.org](http://www.ucenter.org).
2. Fully complete the application, attach required documents, and scan as a PDF.
3. Send transcripts.
4. Proof of admission to the University Center member university of your choice.
5. Submit ONLY two letters of recommendations provided by people not related to the applicant on letterhead and with an original signature. Letters not to exceed 1 page.
6. Submit a 250-word essay, typed and double spaced and describe yourself, why you are returning to school, your future goals, leadership, community service, and what it means to be a University Center student.

Please e-mail completed application and all supporting materials to:

[Scholarships@ucenter.org](mailto:Scholarships@ucenter.org)

*Please Note: It is the student's responsibility that all documents are sent to the University Center of Lake County as required and in a timely manner. Incomplete applications packets or packets received after the deadline will not be notified about missing documents.*

**How the Scholarship is awarded:**

- A selection committee, made up of University Center Board members, will review the scholarship applications.
- The committee will apply the included rubric to qualify the applicants.
- The highest scoring students will be awarded scholarships.
- Incomplete applications will not be given consideration.
- The winners will be officially notified by the University Center Executive Director and Dean.
- The Scholarship money will be sent directly to the school of the student's choice.
- Winner(s) will be required to submit a photograph and short bio for posting on the University Center's website, scholarship page, and other promotional materials.
- Students who don't qualify for the scholarship will be given a list of other potential scholarships.