



grain & general  
services union  
**2026**  
scholarship  
program

guidelines



**In 2026, Grain and General Services Union has allocated \$10,000 in scholarship funding to support the educational pursuits of our members and their families.**

**GSU scholarships are open to members, spouses, and dependents who are enrolled in accredited post-secondary education.**

### Core Eligibility Requirements

- **Union Standing:** To be eligible, GSU members must have a signed union card on file with the union.
- **Frequency:** Students may apply every year and may receive a maximum of one scholarship per year. There is no lifetime limit on the number of scholarships a student may receive.
- **Eligibility Period:** Funding applies to the 2026 calendar year. Applicants must provide proof of registration or attendance for classes held within this year.
- **Deadline:** All applications must be received on or before July 1.

### 1. Dependent Scholarships (\$6,000 Total)

We offer three (3) scholarships valued at \$2,000 each specifically for the dependents of GSU members.

**Eligibility:** Must be age 25 or younger and a dependent of a GSU member in good standing.

**Enrollment:** Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student in a diploma, degree, or certificate program at an accredited

community college, university, trade school, or technical institute globally.

### 2. Member & Spouse Scholarships (\$4,000 Total)

Funding is available for GSU members themselves or their spouses to further their education at an accredited institution globally.

**Full-Time Students:** Eligible for a \$2,000 scholarship.

**Part-Time Students:** Eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship.

### 3. Distribution of Excess Funds

To ensure the maximum benefit reaches the membership, the first \$4,000 of the scholarship fund is reserved specifically for Member and Spouse applicants. Any portion of this reserved amount that is not utilized will be redirected to the Dependent Scholarship pool.

**Award Increments:** Surplus funds will be awarded to eligible dependent applicants in \$2,000 increments.

**Minimum Threshold:** If the remaining surplus is less than \$2,000, that specific portion of the fund will not be redirected or awarded for the current cycle.

Send your completed scholarship application form, letter of recommendation, essay, and proof of admission to:

Scholarship Committee - Grain and General Services Union  
MAIL 2334 McIntyre Street, Regina, SK S4P 2S2 OR EMAIL [gsu@gsu.ca](mailto:gsu@gsu.ca)

**Deadline for receipt of applications is July 1, 2026**

## Ready to apply?

Visit [gsu.ca](https://gsu.ca) to download application forms, review the full 2026 guidelines, and find the specific essay requirements for this year's scholarship.

## Application Requirements

Applicants must complete the appropriate form (Dependent or Member/Spouse) and submit it to GSU with the following three requirements:

**1. Letter of Recommendation:**

A current letter from a non-family member describing how your participation in school, extra-curricular, and/or community activities makes you a strong candidate for a GSU scholarship.

**2. Proof of Enrollment:** A copy of a document(s) from your training institute confirming your acceptance into your program.

**3. Thematic Essay:** A two-page essay on the chosen topic for the current year.

## How to apply

Complete either the dependant or the member/spouse application form and return it to Grain and General Services Union by July 1, 2026, with the following items:

- **A current letter of recommendation** from a non-family member describing how your participation in school, extra-curricular, and/or community activities make you a strong candidate for a GSU scholarship.

- **Proof of enrollment or a confirmation letter from your institute** verifying your acceptance and attendance within the 2026 calendar year.
- **Your two-page essay.** See essay guide for additional information.

## The Selection Process

The GSU scholarship committee meets after the July 1 deadline to determine the successful recipients.

All applicants will be advised of the committee's decision.

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