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American 1 Credit Union Announces 2026 Scholarships and Educational Grants Availability

Jackson, Mich. (Feb. 9, 2026) – American 1 Credit Union is excited to announce the opening of applications on Monday, February 9, for its 2026 Scholarships and the Board of Directors Educational Grant for students in Jackson, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Calhoun, and Washtenaw counties. These programs provide valuable financial assistance to high school seniors and individuals pursuing their educational goals.

Since 2004, the scholarship program has been proudly funded through American 1's Skip-a-Pay program. This initiative allows credit union members to skip one month's loan payment for a \$25 fee, with a portion of the fee directly supporting the scholarship fund. In 2026, 10 high school seniors will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships to support their academic endeavors.

In addition to the scholarships, American 1 is proud to offer the Board of Directors Educational Grant. This grant is available to individuals at any life stage who are pursuing a degree from an accredited college or university or are enrolled in a trade school program.

One recipient will receive \$2,500 annually, renewable for up to four years, for a total of \$10,000.

“At American 1 Credit Union, we view education as a foundation for long-term community strength,” said Kelly Grygiel, Vice President of Communications. “Through our scholarships and the Board of Directors Educational Grant, we’re proud to offer support to students who are working hard to build their futures. Their determination motivates us to continue this important work.”

Both scholarship and grant applications are due Monday, April 6, 2026. Scholarships are available to high school seniors, while the grant is available to community members pursuing higher education or trades. Applicants of both the scholarships and grant will have the opportunity to explore internships with American 1 Credit Union. For more information and an application, visit www.american1cu.org/scholarships.

About American 1 Credit Union

Established in 1950, American 1 Credit Union proudly serves over 67,000 members with the support of more than 280 employees and 16 branch locations across Jackson, Lenawee, Hillsdale, Washtenaw, and Calhoun counties. Now in its 76th year, American 1 Credit Union remains committed to creating financial wellness through personal, everyday banking in the communities it serves. For more information, visit American1CU.org.

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