



**DAKOTA**  
CREDIT UNION  
ASSOCIATION

**2024**

*William O. Knight Jr.  
Memorial Scholarship*



# William O. Knight, Jr. Memorial Scholarship



The William O. Knight, Jr., Memorial Scholarship was established in 1964 in honor of William Knight, former managing director of the South Dakota Credit Union League.

The purpose is to promote education in relationship to credit unions and among credit union members and personnel. The scholarship provides for the registration fee for eligible applicants to attend CUNA Management School.

The William O. Knight, Jr., Memorial Scholarship is available to credit union professionals throughout the Dakotas.

## The criteria used to determine scholarship winners includes:

1. Financial needs of the applicant
2. Purpose of the training
3. Whether the applicant is a career-minded credit union employee
4. Practical application of the training
5. Extent of volunteer activity
6. Extent of chapter activity
7. Other matters, including consideration of the best interests of the credit union movement

## Return form by January 12, 2024 to:

Dakota Credit Union Association  
Attn: Knight Memorial Scholarship  
2005 N Kavaney Drive, Ste. 201  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
or Paige Langhoff at [planghoff@dakcu.org](mailto:planghoff@dakcu.org)

## Past Scholarship Winners

2021

Kelly Duchsherer - Affinity First FCU

2020

Julia Diedrich - Oahe Federal Credit Union, Pierre

2017-2019 Period

Heather Fleck - Railway Credit Union, Mandan

2014

Damon Punt - Northern Hills Federal Credit Union, Sturgis

2013

Rhonda Wilson - Sisseton Wahpeton Federal Credit Union, Agency Village

2011-2013 Period

Kelli Freeman - Northern Hills Federal Credit Union, Sturgis

2010-2011 Period

LuRae Janke - Dakota Plains Credit Union, Edgeley

2007-2009 Period

Dawn Van Ash - Oahe Federal Credit Union, Pierre

2004-2006 Period

Brenda Fink - Sturgis Community Federal Credit Union, Sturgis

2001-2003 Period

Dave Gleason - Sisseton Coop Federal Credit Union

1998-2000 Period

Daryla Sandy - Northern Hills Federal Credit Union, Sturgis

1995-1997 Period

Dwight Wookey - Britton Federal Credit Union, Britton

Alternate: Jeff Jorgensen - Sioux Empire Federal Credit Union, Sioux Falls

CUNA Management School was founded in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin-Madison 56 years ago with a goal of helping credit unions develop their leaders and leadership pipeline to their fullest potential. In the following years, several regional schools were developed around the country with the same goal in mind.

We invite potential students to review the agendas of all of the schools, selecting the one that best fits their personal and professional needs.

Graduation from one of the four CUNA Management Schools is recognized throughout the credit union movement as an honor and mark of accomplishment. These schools provide valuable, hands-on comprehensive management training. Contact CUNA or Dakota Credit Union Association for more information.

# 2024 WILLIAM O KNIGHT JR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name  Credit Union (CU)

CU Address  CU Phone

Your Email  Present CU Position   Full Time  Part Time

Briefly describe your current responsibilities.

What year of CUNA Management School are you applying for?  1  2  3  All Three

What are the total assets of your credit union?  Number of credit union members:

Will you receive tuition or other financial assistance from your credit union?  Yes  No If yes, how much?

Have you applied for any other scholarships?  Yes  No

Will you receive scholarship monies from one or more of the following sources?

Chapter \$ amount requested  Date of Decision

Sponsor \$ amount requested  Date of Decision

Other \$ amount requested  Date of Decision  Other organization name:

Please list your involvement within the last three years in the following: community and volunteer activities, offices held, and active involvement in your credit union/chapter, and/or association/national association. (Please attach additional pages if necessary.)

Briefly explain why this scholarship is important to you. How would the scholarship and its educational experience benefit your credit union and its members? How would this scholarship affect your personal career goals? (Please attach additional pages if necessary.)

How did you find out about this scholarship?

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

Board Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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