



DAKOTA
CREDIT UNION
ASSOCIATION

2026

Arnold C. Paulson
Scholarship



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The Arnold C. Paulson Scholarship Fund was established in 1994 to promote the education of the credit union family as exemplified by the distinguished

credit union career of Arnold C. Paulson, president of the North Dakota Credit Union League and Affiliates from 1973-1994.

One \$300 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving individual to attend the 2026 Dakota Credit Union Association (DakCU) Annual Summit in Box Elder, SD. Funds will be remitted to the winner's credit union to be applied to registration, travel or hotel expenses associated with attending the Summit.

Scholarships are available to all member credit union volunteers and professionals throughout the Dakotas. Contributions to the scholarship fund are not a prerequisite for application. Persons who were candidates in the past are eligible for renomination. Individuals who received this award within the past five years and employees of DakCU & MASC are not eligible to participate in this program.

The criteria used to determine scholarship winners includes:

1. Future potential as a credit union leader.
2. Contributions to the credit union movement.

Return form by January 9, 2026 to:

Dakota Credit Union Association
Attn: Arnold C. Paulson Scholarship
2005 N Kavaney Drive, Ste 201
Bismarck, ND 58501
or Lindsey Hefta at lhefta@dakcu.org

Past Arnold C. Paulson Scholarship Winners

2025

Connie Johnston - Area Community Credit Union, Grand Forks

Hunter Walsh - Railway Credit Union, Mandan

2023

Lori Holtz - Aspire Credit Union, Minot

2022

Joann Bergrud - North Star Community Credit Union, Maddock

2021

Katie Bredvik - Coteau Valley Federal Credit Union, Sisseton

2020

Nanci Wilson - University Federal Credit Union, Grand Forks

2019

Stacey Wald - GEM Federal Credit Union, Minot

2018

Jim Schaefbauer - Capital Credit Union, Bismarck

2017

Amy Maxson - Black Hills Federal Credit Union, Rapid City

2016

Lois Aldrich - Postal Family Federal Credit Union, Fargo

2015

Amy Meyer - Railway Credit Union, Mandan

2014

Travis Dengel - Railway Credit Union, Mandan

2013

Jana Thune - Fargo VA Federal Credit Union, Fargo

2012

Christopher Isaak - Railway Credit Union, Mandan

2011

Heather Fleck - Railway Credit Union, Mandan

2010

Kaylee Zimmerman - Town & Country Credit Union, Minot

2009

Tana Jensen - Dakota Plains Credit Union, Edgeley

Dustin Bitz - Capital Credit Union, Bismarck

2008

LuRae Janke - Dakota Plains Credit Union, Edgeley

2007

Jennifer Starks - Consolidated/ Hub-Co Federal Credit Union, Aberdeen

Jessica Kroll - SODES Federal Credit Union, Aberdeen

Vicki Klein - Postal Family Federal Credit Union, Fargo

Stacey Wald - GEM Federal Credit Union, Minot

2006

Steven A. Davis - Capital Credit Union, Bismarck

Kelly Duchsherer - Affinity First Federal Credit Union, Minot

Veronica Holweger - Riverfork Federal Credit Union, Grand Forks

Jane Brandenburg - Dakota Plains Credit Union, Edgeley

2005

Tammy Haman - North Star Community Credit Union, Rugby

2026 **ARNOLD C PAULSON**
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Applicant Name

Credit Union Position

Credit Union

Email

Number of Years in the Credit Union Movement:

Why are you interested in attending the Summit?

Describe your thoughts on credit union philosophy and what it means to you.

List credit union contributions and accomplishments in the past year (i.e. state, chapter, national level activities, credit union certifications, credit union continuing education, and any other community projects, etc.).

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