



### **2025-2026 Ben DeFelice Scholarship Program – Program Rules**

- Applicant must be a member of the credit union for at least a year OR have a parent/grandparent who has been a member of the credit union and or NW Financial Advisors client for at least one year AND open an account if selected to receive scholarship.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled (graduating in Spring 2026) or have graduated within the last year from a public high school.
- Applicant must be a current high school senior, college freshman, or Spring 2025 high school graduate (or equivalent) currently participating in a gap year (*a year-long break from formal education, taken after high school completion*)
- Applicant must plan to attend a qualifying education program as a full-time student to a: two-year, four year or vocational school program for Fall of 2026. Master's education and above do not qualify for scholarship opportunity.
- Students who are receiving a full-ride scholarship do not qualify.
- Scholarship funds must be applied to education program (two-year, four year or vocational school program) the Fall semester of the given scholarship year
  - Recipient forgoes their scholarship funding if not used in the required timeframe
- Applicant cannot be a past awardee of any NWFCU Foundation, OSINT, or CIRA scholarship.
- Award recipient will open an account with NWFCU if not already a member
- Applicant must agree to submit transcripts and acceptance and/or enrollment letter, upon request.
- Applicant may not be an employee or immediate family member of an employee of NWFCU, the Foundation or its Board, or related to directors, associate directors and/or committee members of the Board of Directors, NWFCU or its subsidiaries and affiliates.
- If awarded, scholarship funds will be deposited directly with the student's accredited school.