

CEFCU MEMBER APPRECIATION SCHOLARSHIP

2026-2027

CEFCU (Citizens Equity First Credit Union) has a long history of assisting its membership in securing adequate financial support for higher education. CEFCU recognizes the benefits to the entire community when opportunities for a college education are within the reach of deserving and talented students. In recognition of CEFCU's commitment to higher education and Bradley University's ongoing educational excellence, the CEFCU Member Appreciation Scholarship has been established.

This completed application must be submitted by **March 1, 2026** to: Office of Financial Assistance, Bradley University, Peoria, IL 61625. Bradley University's Office of Financial Assistance is responsible for the selection of scholarship recipients.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must be enrolled, or have applied and been accepted for enrollment, at Bradley as a full-time (12 or more semester hours) student in an undergraduate program of study. Applicant must remain in good academic standing and good disciplinary standing with the University.
- Recipients must be a CEFCU member with at least six (6) months of "primary" or "joint" membership at the time of application.
- Recipients must be and remain members in good standing and in good social standing, as determined by CEFCU.
- Preference is given to students with demonstrated financial need (scholarship not solely based on financial need).
- The scholarships will be available to all students regardless of age, race, sex, or undergraduate program of study. The scholarship will not be available to CEFCU employees, current/former CEFCU officers and director/volunteers, or "immediate family members" of current/former CEFCU officers and director/volunteers. Immediate family members are defined as related by blood or marriage to a parent, spouse, child, sibling, or grandparent.
- **Applicants must not have previously received a CEFCU Member Appreciation Scholarship.**

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **Social Security Number:** _____

CEFCU Account Number (Student): _____ **Bradley ID Number:** _____

1. Does applicant have any family members who are current/former CEFCU officers or who serve(d) as a Board Member or Board Volunteer? Circle: **YES** **NO**
If yes, please name the individual and indicate the relationship: _____.
2. Are you eligible to receive tuition reimbursement or college-related assistance from your employer? Circle: **YES** **NO**
3. Check one of the following:

_____ I am currently enrolled at Bradley University.

_____ I have applied and/or been accepted as a 2026 **Freshman** or **Transfer** at Bradley University.

_____ I previously attended Bradley University and have been accepted for readmission.

I understand that in submitting this application, a background investigation involving inquiry into matters such as, but not limited to, my character, general reputation, and personal characteristics may be undertaken by CEFCU. For this purpose, I authorize CEFCU to obtain an investigative consumer report from a third party. I also consent to allow CEFCU of Bradley University to use my name in press releases and/or other mediums to promote CEFCU Member Appreciation Scholarships and CEFCU.

Student's Signature

Date