



Please mail application to:
INOVA Federal Credit Union
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Elkhart In 46516
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Dates to Remember:

- **March 2, 2026:** Application available
- **May 30, 2026:** Application due
- **June 8, 2026:** Recipient will be notified by this date

Eligibility

- Applicant or parent of applicant must be a member of INOVA Federal and must have an account in good standing prior to application deadline.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or have proof of pending naturalization.
- Applicant must be attending an accredited undergraduate institution or Trade school in the US, full time.
- Applicant must meet academic requirements as detailed in the application.
- Applicant cannot be an INOVA Federal employee or immediate family member of, or anyone living in the same household with INOVA employees or officials except for an INOVA intern.
- Applicant must be living in the South-Central community in Elkhart Indiana.

Requirements

The applicant must:

- Complete an essay of at least 250 words that reflects your ideas about the benefits of your INOVA Federal membership and how it will help you in the future.
- Have a grade point average of 2.75 or above (4.0 scale).
- Provide an official high school transcript.
- Provide two signed letters of recommendation not from a family member.
- Provide a list of major extracurricular activities and the years of participation or community involvement, including work history.
- Optionally, provide a personal photo for use by INOVA Federal with a signed waiver.
- Scholarship winners are requested to attend a presentation ceremony or have family representation at the ceremony.
- Winners are requested to be advocates in the community for INOVA Federal and Tolson Center for Community Excellence.

Scholarship Award:

All disbursements will be made directly to the recipient's academic institution in the amount of \$1,250 for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Scoring Guide:

This is an informational tool for helping applicants complete the INOVA/Tolson Scholarship Application. Scholarship Awards will be selected based on the criteria listed below.

	Points Possible	Weight %
Essay	50	30%
Academic achievements	50	30%
Participation in extracurricular activities	20	16%
Personal Evaluations	10	12%
Discretionary Circumstances	10	12%
TOTAL POSSIBLE	140 POINTS	100%

Application Checklist:

- Completed Application
- Signature of Parent(s)
- Signature of Student
- Transcript of Grades
- 2 Personal References

Scholarship Application

Student Information:

Student's Name

Date of Birth

Address

City

Zip

E-mail

Home Phone

Cell Phone

INOVA Member Number: _____

Legal Guardian(s) with whom you live (Please include first and last name):

Parent or Legal Guardian # 1 _____

Home/Cell Number (if applicable):

Parent or Legal Guardian # 2 _____

Home/Cell Number (if applicable):

High School Information:

Name of High School:

I hereby permit _____ High School to release information pertaining to my grade point average, class rank and any other information pertinent to my scholarship application, to either **INOVA Federal Credit Union** or a **Selection Committee** they have appointed to represent them on behalf of the **INOVA/Tolson Scholarship Fund**, for which I have applied.

2026 INOVA/Tolson Scholarship Application

The information in this document is accurate, and I understand that the student information will be kept confidential. I also understand that should my child not be chosen as the recipient of the INOVA/Tolson scholarship his/her application will be appropriately disposed of for privacy reasons.

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date: _____

College or University Information:

Name of selected college, university, or trade school:

What is your intended major field of study?

Are you seeking a 4-yr degree? _____

More about you:

Cumulative GPA: _____ (***Please attach a transcript with this application***)

Do you plan to receive: __ Other scholarship awards __ Private funding __ Financial assistance?

What is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?

Please list anticipated awards (including dollar amounts) along with your overall plan to pay for college below:

Activities:

The following sections should be completed to highlight the activities the student has participated in during their high school career. Please see the guidelines below for more information about how to complete the activity sections.

COMMUNITY, RELIGIOUS, CIVIC ACTIVITIES GUIDELINES

Include:

Teaching Sunday-school or summer bible-school, youth group service projects, mission trips, 4H activities, service clubs, volunteering at non-profit service organizations. Be sure to include conferences, workshops, and seminars that deal with personal development, leadership training, and/or services such as Rotary RYLA leadership development. ***(Please be sure to include positions of leadership)***

Exclude:

Attending youth group, church, bible study, Sunday school, attending sports games, plays etc., as an observer; music lessons or other types of lessons; any activity for which you are paid (list under work experience). Any conference or camp for which you are paid to attend. Hours for sports conditioning (working out) outside of official practice times.

SPORTS & OTHER SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES GUIDELINES

Include:

Music groups, drama, clubs, Student Council, NHS, academic teams, peer tutoring, teacher assistant, etc. Student Council; tutoring or mentoring before or after school or during school hours if giving up a study hall or lunch; sports teams after school hours; after schoolwork on school newspaper or yearbook; FFA; FSA; Prom committee or other school committees; band, orchestra after school hours, plays after school hours. Activities such as student government & tutoring that take place during the school day may be included if verified by counselor. You may also include seminars, workshops, and conferences that deal with personal development, leadership training or service. ***(Please be sure to include positions of leadership)***

Personal References

Please print pages 7-8. Name (2) adult references, but not family members, who know you well and can evaluate your character. The first reference must be either your high school teacher/coach or your high school principal. The second reference should be a non-school source. All evaluations are confidential. Please submit in sealed envelopes that are signed by the evaluator.

PERSONAL EVALUATION #1

Student Name: _____

Mark an “X” on the continuum above the description of each characteristic that most adequately identifies the student the present time. Please mark “x” clearly in each box; please do NOT place “x” on vertical lines between descriptions.

- U = Unsure
- N = Needs Improvement
- S = Satisfactory
- B = Better than Average
- O = Outstanding

This evaluation is one of the components of the INOVA Federal/Tolson Scholarship application. It will be graded on a point basis system and added to the students’ overall scoring for the final decision-making process.

	U	N	S	B	O
Cooperation					
Respectful					
Proactive					
Motivation					
Concern for Others					
Responsibility					
Integrity					
Self-Concept					
Outlook on Life					
Self-Disciplined to live within rules and regulations					

Evaluator

Phone

Date

Relationship to the student

Name of Organization

Additional comments are welcome:

PERSONAL EVALUATION #2

Student Name: _____

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