

## Spokane Chapter NWCUA Scholarship Guidelines Updated 2023

### Summary:

The scholarship program is in place to provide funds to Member CU employees to strengthen CU community and contribute to development of local CU professionals.

- **Annual Scholarship Budget of \$5,750.00 to be broken down as follows:**
  - \$2,000.00 General Scholarship –
    - Total available annually for CU related programs. This amount will be split in half with \$1,000 available between Jan 1st and June 31<sup>st</sup>, and \$1,000 available between July 1 and Dec 31. This will help to ensure funds are available throughout the year for all credit unions.
    - Maximum of \$500.00 scholarship annually per individual employee
  - \$2,000.00 available annually for CUNA Management School
    - Maximum \$2000.00 per individual scholarship
    - CUNA School scholarship requests must be received by May 1. The amount awarded for each scholarship will be dependent upon the number of requests.
    - Funds not used for CUNA School may be rolled over to CU related programs scholarship budget at the discretion of the Chapter Board
  - \$1,000.00 - Emerging Leaders Scholarship towards GoWest Emerging Leaders & Emerging Leaders 2.0 programs
    - Applicants will complete an application detailing why they would like to attend and how it will benefit their credit union.
    - Applications will be reviewed Anonymously by the Chapter Board. Winners will be determined by a vote. (The scholarship lead will NOT participate in the voting)
    - Award will be split between the two candidates with the most votes.
  - \$750.00 GoWest MAXX Conference Scholarship
    - Scholarship to cover expenses incurred attending GoWest MAXX Conference, this can include travel, hotel and registration fees.
    - Applicants will complete an application detailing why they would like to attend and how it will benefit their credit union.
    - Applications will be reviewed Anonymously by the Chapter Board. One winner will be determined by vote. (The scholarship lead will NOT participate in the voting)
    - Applications must be received by Aug. 31 to be considered
  - \$200.00 Washington Hike the Hill Scholarships
    - One scholarship of \$200.00 per member credit union is available annually.

- Additionally - One \$200.00 scholarship will be awarded to a YCUP member annually to encourage involvement of our young credit union professionals.
- Applicants will complete an application detailing why they would like to attend and how it will benefit their credit union.
- Applications will be reviewed anonymously by the Chapter Board. One winner will be determined by vote. (The scholarship lead will NOT participate in the voting)

### **Spokane Chapter Guidelines:**

- Applications will be reviewed monthly and applicants notified at the end of each month of approval
- Applications are approved at the sole discretion of the Board Officers of the Spokane Chapter of Credit Unions, GoWest
- Maximum of \$500.00 scholarship annually per individual employee for general scholarships and educational events.
  - Educational events may include networking councils, webinars and educational programs offered by GoWest, CUNA, or CUNA Mutual Programs, as well as programs through state leagues and credit union associations, and other leadership programs.
  - WCMS, Emerging Leaders, YCUP MAXX, and Hike the Hill are considered separate scholarships and not paid from general funds.
- Award reimbursements can be issued for registration and/or travel related expenses to qualifying programs only. Travel related expenses are defined as lodging, food, airfare, and ground transportation.
- The recipient must use awarded funds for the sole purpose stated on the application. Scholarships are non-transferable.
- A Reimbursement Form and receipts must be submitted within 30 days of the conclusion of the course/event. Awarded funds will be issued after the form has been submitted.