

## Annual Roberta Reeves Memorial Scholarship

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### PURPOSE

Hughes Federal Credit Union (“Hughes”) was founded in 1952 in Tucson, Arizona and our mission is to always make a positive difference in each member’s financial life. Our commitment to supporting our members has allowed us to give away over \$100,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending a college, university, or accredited trade school. In its 19th year, the scholarship program will award seven students \$2,000 each to support their higher education endeavors. The scholarship, renamed last year in memory of Roberta Reeves, a long-serving member of Hughes Federal Credit Union’s Board of Directors, continues to honor her legacy in the Tucson community.

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Seven (7) scholarships of \$2,000 each are available. Scholarship recipients will receive one (1) non-renewable \$2,000 award to be used toward tuition and other educational costs (such as books, fees, university, or on-campus housing, etc.) for the 2024 fall semester. Hughes will distribute the award in the form of a check payable directly to the student. No recipient may receive more than one (1) 2024 Hughes Federal Credit Union Scholarship award.

### POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

All eligible students are encouraged to apply! Our selection process weighs the content of the essay or video you submit based on the following grading rubric:

- Answering Prompt: Overall, how well did the student answer the prompt, “Describe how technology is re-shaping your generation’s personal finances.”
- Effort: How much effort & excellence is displayed in the essay or video?
- Creativity: How much creativity is displayed in the essay or video?
- Organization: How well did the student explain their point using details and examples?
- Detail: How much attention to detail was given to spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, etc.?

A panel of judges will review all applications and select the seven scholarship recipients.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Hughes Scholarship is open to applicants who, at the time of entry meet the following criteria:

- be a high school senior graduating in Spring 2024
- have applied or been accepted to and plan to attend a college, university, trade school, or certification program.
- if under the age of 18 at the time of application, a parent or legal guardian’s information and a signature will be required.
- a legal resident of the United States (please note residents of Rhode Island and Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories are not eligible to participate);
- at all times abide by these Official Rules. Void where prohibited or restricted by law.

Persons in any of the following categories are NOT eligible to participate or win a Scholarship: (i) employees or Board members of the Sponsor; (ii) individuals engaged or employed by a company that is engaged in the development, production or distribution of materials for the Giveaway; and (iii) persons who are immediate family members (defined as mother, father, sister, brother, daughter, son or spouse) of any person in any of the preceding categories and individuals living with them in the same household (defined as those persons who share the same residence at least three months a year); (iv) individuals who have won a prize from Hughes Federal Credit Union in the past six (6) months over \$100.

### APPLICATION INFORMATION

Complete the Scholarship Application form. There, you can submit your 500–750-word essay OR a link to a self-produced 1–2-minute video about the topic question: “Describe how technology is re-shaping your generation’s personal finances.”

### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

**Due date:** Completed applications must be submitted on or before **11:59 pm (Arizona) on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

Visit [HughesFCU.org/Scholarship](https://HughesFCU.org/Scholarship) to access the online application. Printed, hand-written, and/or late applications will not be accepted. All applications become the property of Hughes Federal Credit Union and will not be returned. Hughes assumes no responsibility for lost, late, misdirected, or unintelligible entries. By applying for this scholarship, you fully and unconditionally accept and agree to these Official Rules and the selection decisions of Hughes Federal Credit Union, which are final and binding.

Upon submission of your application, you will receive an email confirmation that we have received and will review your application. If you do not receive the confirmation email within 2 hours of submitting, email [ICuevas@HughesFCU.org](mailto:ICuevas@HughesFCU.org).

**Application Notification:** All applicants will be notified of their status on or before June 1, 2024, if you are selected as a finalist, you will be notified via phone or email between May 18-31, 2024. Please ensure that your email and contact numbers are correct on your application.

**Supporting Documentation:** All finalists will be required to submit the following documentation to secure their scholarship prize. Finalists will receive an email from [ICuevas@HughesFCU.org](mailto:ICuevas@HughesFCU.org) informing them of their status by Monday, May 22, 2024, and requesting the following documentation:

- Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability Publicity Release Waiver signed by you (if over 18) or your legal parent or guardian.
- A headshot/photo to share on social media and other advertising or marketing materials.

**ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS**

If the applicant is under the age of 18 as of the date their application is submitted, a parent or legal guardian’s signature is required on the online application.

Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability Publicity Release Waiver: By submitting an application for this scholarship award, applicants (and their parents/legal guardians where the applicant is under the age of 18) acknowledge that award recipients (and their parents/legal guardians where the applicant is under the age of 18) will be required to sign the Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability Publicity Release Waiver Form ([CLICK HERE](#) for preview; we will email a link to an online form for the finalist to sign—per “Supporting Documentation” above), prior to distribution of scholarship award funds. Refusal to sign said form will result in forfeiture of the scholarship award. Please note, this form is only necessary for scholarship finalists to sign. You do not need to sign this form to submit your scholarship application. If you are selected as a scholarship recipient finalist, you will receive an email with the Affidavit and request for additional required documentation. See “Supporting Documentation” for details about documentation that the scholarship finalists must submit.