

California Teaching Credential Scholarship Application

1. Purpose of The Scholarship Program

Provident Credit Union's Scholarship Program seeks to recognize and encourage Provident members who are interested in pursuing a teaching credential to teach in the Public Schools of California.

2. Eligibility

Any Provident member who holds a baccalaureate degree or is in his/her final undergraduate term may apply for this scholarship upon meeting the following criteria:

- a. The applicant must have been a fully engaged Provident Credit Union member for the past twelve months.
- b. Cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- c. Accepted in the education department of an accredited university or college for the coming year and enrolled prior to the disbursement of scholarship funds.
- d. A college major in a field commonly taught in the schools of California.

3. Application Requirements

The complete application package must include the following materials, be postmarked no later than March 31, 2025, and sent to the attention of: [Erica Valbusa, Provident Credit Union, 303 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood City, CA 94065](#).

- a. The completed application.
- b. Official transcript of undergraduate grades reflecting a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above.
- c. Three letters of recommendation – from references in three different fields (for example, one teacher, one friend, one employer or past employer).
- d. Essay of 500 words or less on the following topic:

“The role of Provident Credit Union in my family's life”

Finalists will be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee in person at Provident's Redwood Shores headquarters, or by video conference if the finalist lives outside the San Francisco Bay Area.

4. Amount of Award

An award of up to \$5,000 will be granted to the scholarship recipient and award funds will be deposited into their Provident savings account upon verification of fulltime enrollment in a credential program.

5. Selection Committee/Schedule

The recipient will be selected by Provident's Scholarship Committee, consisting of the following representatives:

- Two or more members of Provident's Board of Directors
- One member of Provident's staff

6. Application Deadline

Completed applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2025.

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Name _____ Member Number _____

Email Address _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone Number _____

Personal History

EDUCATION: In chronological order, list all high schools and colleges attended.

School	Location	Years Attended (Dates)

WORK EXPERIENCE: In chronological order, list current and previous employers.

Company	Type of Work	Dates of Employment

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: List any extra-curricular activities you have participated in or awards you have received.

APPLICANT’S GOALS

VOCATIONAL OBJECTIVES: Briefly describe your vocational objective: why you are interested in a teaching career, and state what you consider to be the necessary qualifications. (You may use this sheet or enclose your essay on a separate sheet.)

Schools to which you have applied or are currently attending.

Name of School	Location	Cost Per Year (excluding room and board)

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ESSAY: 500 words or less on the following topic:

“The role of Provident Credit Union in my family’s life...”

(You may use this sheet – or enclose your essay on a separate sheet.)

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We require three **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** from references in three different fields (for example, one teacher, one friend, one employer or past employer). PLEASE LIST NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS below. Please ask each reference to address his/her letter to:

Provident Credit Union
Scholarship Committee – c/o Erica Valbusa
303 Twin Dolphin Drive
Redwood Shores, CA 94065

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The completed application, all scholastic transcripts and three required letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2025.

Please list the names and addresses of each school that will be sending a transcript.

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