



The Carrie Player Leadership & Service Scholarship

Application Form

Purpose

Birmingham City Credit Union (BCCU) established *The Carrie Player Leadership & Service Scholarship* to honor the legacy of our late CEO, Carrie Player, whose life reflected dedication, leadership, and service. This scholarship supports graduating seniors from Birmingham City Schools as they begin their college journey at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a graduating senior from a local, Birmingham-area high school.
- Must be the child, grandchild, or legal dependent of a BCCU member in good standing.
- Must be accepted for enrollment as a full-time undergraduate student at UAB beginning the immediate summer or fall after high school graduation.
- Must demonstrate leadership and/or service in school, community, or extracurricular activities.
- Must demonstrate financial need.

Award

- One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually.
- The scholarship must be used within the calendar year of the award.
- Funds may be applied to tuition, books, or fees and will be paid directly to UAB's Office of Financial Aid.
- No funds will be distributed directly to the student.

Application Deadline: February 6, 2026

Recipient Notification: April 30, 2026

Application Instructions

Applicants must submit the following **on or before February 6, 2026**.

1. Completed Scholarship Application Form (this document).
2. Personal Statement (750 words or less): Share your academic and career goals, financial need, and leadership or service experiences. As part of your essay, please reflect on your own journey with financial literacy — what you have learned about money so far — and share one idea you have for teaching financial literacy to other young people.
3. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, employer, or community leader.

Selected applicants will be invited to interview with the Birmingham City Credit Union Board of Directors.

Applicant Information

- Full Name: _____
- Address: _____
- City, State, Zip: _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Email Address: _____
- High School: _____
- Anticipated UAB Start Term: ☐ Summer 2026 ☐ Fall 2026

Certification & Signature

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if selected, scholarship funds will be paid directly to the University of Alabama at Birmingham and applied to my student account for tuition, books, or fees.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submission Instructions

Submit this completed application form, your personal statement, and letter of recommendation to **Birmingham City Credit Union**, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 2725 35th Ave North, Birmingham, AL 35207 or via email: kfinch@bhamcitycu.org.

Applications must be received by **February 6, 2026**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.