



2026 Union County Women in Business Scholarship Application Deadline to apply March 31, 2026

Overview

Union County Women in Business (UCWIB) is proud to support the next generation of leaders through our annual scholarship program. Each year, UCWIB awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Union County, IL who demonstrate strong character, leadership, community involvement, and a commitment to their future goals. Preference is given to applicants pursuing a business-related field, though all majors are welcome to apply.

Available Scholarships

One (1) Scholarship – \$2,000

Two (2) Scholarships – \$1,000 each

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a high school senior graduating from a Union County, IL school
- Plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year college, university, or vocational program.
- Submit a complete application, including résumé, essay, and school transcript.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

Intended Major/Field of Study: _____

College/University/Vocational Program You Plan to Attend:

ACT/SAT score: _____

Résumé with Activities & Involvement

Please attach a resume with details on a) work experience, b) volunteer service, c) sports, if applicable, and d) extracurricular activities.

Required Essay

Please submit a 500–750 word essay addressing each of the following prompts:

1. Why are local businesses important to small towns and rural communities?
2. How do you plan to engage with the business community—either locally or elsewhere—as you pursue your education and career?
3. Do you have a desire to return to Union County in the future? If so, how do you envision contributing to the community?

Certified Transcript

Please attach a certified school transcript.

Your guidance office **MUST** verify information by attaching your ACT/SAT school report transcript that includes class rank & GPA.

Certification & Signature

I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete.

I understand that the Union County Women in Business Scholarship Committee may request verification of any submitted information.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Application Checklist:

- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ Résumé including the following: work experience, volunteer service, sports involvement, and extracurricular activities.
- ✓ Essay addressing all 3 prompts
- ✓ School Transcript

All required documentation should be returned by MARCH 31, 2026:

Guidance Office: Please attached required verification forms and submit to scholarship chairperson, Kelli Wood via:

In person drop off:

Kelli Wood, 120 N Main St, Anna, IL (Hours: M-F 8-4:30 p.m.)

Mail:

Kelli Wood, P.O. Box 37, Anna, IL. 62906

Complete Application Packet must be postmarked or dropped off no later than MARCH 31, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.

Applications turned in after the deadline will NOT be considered.

NOTE: The monetary award will not be given until proof of enrollment has been provided to the UCWIB chairperson, Kelli Wood or emailed to unioncountywomeninbusiness@gmail.com.

Proof of enrollment should be in the form of a school (college/university/vocational/trade) schedule clearly showing student's name, school's name, and semester.

The scholarship check will be made out directly to the scholarship recipient for college related expenses.

Questions or concerns:

Please contact unioncountywomeninbusiness@gmail.com