



# Stephen C. Matula SCHOLARSHIP



**25 Scholarships  
\$5,000 Each**

## **STEPHEN C. MATULA SCHOLARSHIP for 25 College Students of Slovak Heritage**

### **Who Can Apply:**

- Applicants of Slovak heritage are eligible to apply as high school seniors, or during any year of full-time enrollment in an accredited College/University. Applicants can apply each year in college (up to 4 years).
- Applicants must be a member of the FCSU as of December 31, 2024.
- Applicants must have: a minimum of \$5,000 of reserve insurance (Ordinary Whole Life, Twenty Pay Whole Life, or Single Premium Whole Life), or minimum of \$25,000 JEP policy (on new policy); or minimum of \$1,000 of Juvenile Life Savings; or minimum of \$500 in an annuity or Coverdell IRA with the FCSU.
- Applicants must complete and sign an official Scholarship application obtained from a branch officer, the Home Office or [www.fcsu.com](http://www.fcsu.com) and mail it to: **Stephen C. Matula Scholarship, FCSU, 6611 Rockside Rd, #300, Independence, OH 44131**. Applicants must also provide a high-resolution headshot photo and email it to [scholarship@fcsu.com](mailto:scholarship@fcsu.com).
- Winners will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee by the middle of August, and checks will be payable to the winner's educational institution after submitting proof of college enrollment.
- Winners must provide a report on their progress in college, including transcript and a summary of use of the funds by the end of the school year.

### **What to Provide:**

- Completed Application
- Official Transcript
- Essay
- Photo
- 2 Letters of Recommendation  
(obtained in the last 12 months)



**DEADLINE TO APPLY:  
JUNE 26, 2026**

**Find Scholarship Applications at [FCSU.com](http://FCSU.com)  
([fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships](http://fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships)).**

**For more info call us at 800.533.6682 ext. 114 or email [scholarship@fcsu.com](mailto:scholarship@fcsu.com)**



# Stephen C. Matula Scholarship

## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For the purpose of establishing my eligibility for a scholarship award, I submit the following information which I represent to be true and complete.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

I WILL BE attending a 4-year accredited college/university as a:

Freshman       Sophomore       Junior       Senior

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Home Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Stephen C. Matula Scholarship  
FCSU Financial  
6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300  
Independence, OH 44131

Email to: scholarship@fcsu.com

Questions: 800.533.6682 ext. 114

**PLEASE NOTE:** INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS (THOSE WHICH ARE RECEIVED NOT FULLY COMPLETED OR DO NOT HAVE ALL ATTACHMENTS) WILL BE INVALID AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE. APPLICATIONS MUST BE **RECEIVED BY JUNE 26, 2026** OR THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED INVALID.

Attach photo:  
2.5" x 3.5"

If possible, please provide a high resolution jpeg file, as this photo will be printed in Jednota & posted online.

Email the photo with your full name and home address to: scholarship@fcsu.com

## APPLICANTS SCHOOL INFORMATION

Institution You Plan to Attend or Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Field of Study/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Been Accepted:  Yes  No

Anticipated Date of Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Annual Cost: Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Books/Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received an FCSU or Stephen C. Matula Scholarship Award?  Yes  No

If yes for FCSU Scholarship, enter:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes for Stephen C. Matula Scholarship, enter:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Attending School As: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

## ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Provide an autobiographical statement of approximately 500 words containing your goals and objectives. Describe any demonstrated leadership skills and list awards received for scholastic excellence and leadership ability. In one of the paragraphs describe how you were involved in school activities. In another, give details of your church or community service. Describe how your **SLOVAK HERITAGE** and **religious faith** helped you in your personal development. Give your reasons for applying and why you think you should receive this scholarship.

**PLEASE INITIAL by each line.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that the information on this form and the supporting documents is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information will be considered confidential, for review by the Scholarship Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that this award must be used towards **tuition** for the academic year for which it was awarded.

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that I will be attending or am attending as a **full-time student** a 4-year accredited college/university.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that in the event I decide to withdraw from the school, the scholarship award will be returned to the FCSU Stephen C. Matula Scholarship Fund.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the award will be paid directly to the educational institution I am/will be attending.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I will need to provide a report at the end of the school year on my progress including a summary of use of the funds awarded, courses taken and grades received in that academic period.

The report will be mailed to: Stephen C. Matula Scholarship Report, FCSU,  
6611 Rockside Rd, #300, Independence, OH 44131.

**CHECKLIST – DUE BY JUNE 26, 2026**

Please follow this checklist to prevent mailing us an incomplete application:

- Completed and Signed Application**
- Essay**
- Headshot photo**
- Official High School or College Transcript**
- Two Letters of Recommendation**  
*(Must be signed and obtained in the last 12 months)*
- My school will mail my Official Transcript
- My school will mail my Letter(s) of Recommendation

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED by MAIL OR EMAILED (scholarship@fcsu.com)  
BY MIDNIGHT **JUNE 26, 2026** OR THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED INVALID.