



# David J. Spatz Memorial Scholarship

**Attention:** High School Seniors and College Students

Spirit of America serves members of all ages, assisting them to financial success and well being! For those members striving to earn a college degree, we take pride in offering our David J. Spatz Memorial Scholarship!

Dave served Spirit of America for 21 years from 1994 to 2015. He served on the Membership and Supervisory Committees and was elected to the Board of Directors for 17 years.

Dave was a dedicated individual in whatever endeavor he chose to undertake, and education was one of those. To serve our membership better, he spent four years taking correspondent classes through the Credit Union National Association, receiving four significant awards and designations after completing 27 different courses. His love for and commitment to our members should be an inspiration to all!

On January 22, 2015, Dave passed away after a four year courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. In the spirit of Dave's dedication, fortitude, and courage, we are proud to offer our younger members the Annual David J. Spatz Memorial Scholarship. In his memory, the goal of this scholarship is to encourage youth to pursue higher education and selflessly serve others through volunteering with the knowledge gained.

**Scholarships to be awarded:**

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** \$1,000.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** \$750.00

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** \$500.00

**Timeframe:**

**Open Date:** February 1, 2026

**Close Date:** March 31, 2026

**Subject: What is a dollar worth?**

**Eligibility:** Participant has a GED or be a high school graduate, and is enrolled or plan to enroll in college (junior, community, state or university) in calendar year 2026. Participant MUST be a member of Spirit of America Federal Credit Union as of December 31, 2025. Credit Union employees, volunteers and their immediate family members are eligible as "blind judging" is utilized.

**Requirements:** Maximum of 500 words, must be typed, using 12 point font, and be double spaced. Essays must be submitted in English. Essays will be judged based upon originality, relevance to topic, grammar and spelling. As the essays will be blind judged, do not put your name on the essay; complete the attached cover sheet that contains the following information:

1. Full name
2. Account number at Spirit of America FCU
3. Home street address, city, state, zip code
4. Phone number
5. Email address
6. College/University attending in Fall of 2026



Essays must be received at Spirit of America Federal Credit Union (by hand delivery or US mail) on or before 5:00 p.m. March 31, 2026. Write "Attention: Scholarship" on your envelope.

**Winners Announced:** Scholarship winners will receive free tickets to the Credit Union's Annual Meeting on April 23, 2026 when their "Certificate of Award" will be presented. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution the student is enrolled in 2026.



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