



GARY D. PARKER

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility & Instructions for Submission

The Cornerstone Lending and Collections Council is offering a young professional the opportunity to apply for the Gary D. Parker Legacy Scholarship, which covers the conference registration fee and a hotel room for three nights during the SHIFT Lending & Collections Conference at no cost. Only one scholarship will be awarded. Applicants must be 40 years or younger and an employee of a credit union in Cornerstone's five state region.

About Gary Parker's Legacy

Gary Parker started his credit union career in 1974. He was a founding member of the Lending & Collections Council, for which he helped organize 18 conferences and many workshops. He lives and breathes the credit union philosophy of "people helping people" and has always been a mentor to many young credit union professionals.

1. Complete the scholarship application. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be accepted.
2. President/CEO of the credit union must co-sign the scholarship application.
3. Email your completed scholarship application **no later than July 28, 2026:**
John Hendricks
CEO, Community Service CU
Email: jhendricks@cscutx.com
4. You will receive confirmation upon receipt of your application. If you do not receive notification within 24 hours of submission, please contact the person designated above to ensure your application was received.

Process

1. The Cornerstone Lending and Collections Executive Committee will review all scholarship applications and select only one recipient.
2. Application selection will be personally communicated with applicants by the Cornerstone Lending and Collections Executive Committee no later than August 7, 2026, followed by a formal letter.
3. Recipient must be able to attend the 2026 SHIFT Lending and Collections Conference, August 24-26.
4. Scholarship funds will go directly to pay the registration fee and the nightly hotel rate.

Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Age: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

Credit Union: _____

What is your current position/title? _____

How long have you worked in credit unions? _____

How did you learn about this scholarship?

How would you describe yourself in 3 words?

What are your career goals within the credit union movement?

In 250 words or less, tell us why you should attend this conference and what you hope to learn:

If selected, what initiatives do you hope to bring back to your credit union?

Anything else you'd like us to know about you?

Please confirm the following by checking the boxes:

I am an employee of a Cornerstone League affiliated credit union.

I am 40 years old or younger.

I have sought permission from my direct supervisor and CEO and received approval to apply for this scholarship.

If selected, I will be able to attend Cornerstone's SHIFT Lending and Collections Conference in August 2026.

Applicant Signature

CEO/Supervisor Signature