



College Scholarship Program - Exclusively for First Credit Union Members

Education is a positive step towards a brighter future. First Credit Union is committed to education and life-long learning. Our College Scholarship Program, available exclusively to First Credit Union members, recognizes and rewards graduating high school seniors on the path to higher education with a \$1,000 scholarship to use towards a full-time course of study at a Arizona university, college, or vocational school. First Credit Union will award up to three (3) \$1,000 scholarships in 2024. Complete program details including eligibility and requirements are below.

Eligibility

Scholarship applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a primary member of First Credit Union and in good standing when scholarship application is submitted (*Please be aware volunteers, employees of First Credit Union, and their immediate family are NOT eligible to apply*)
- Be a 2024 graduating Arizona high school senior
- Plan to enroll, beginning the fall of 2024, in a full-time course of study at an accredited two- or four-year university college, or vocational school in Arizona (*Full-time is the equivalent of at least 12 credit hours or as otherwise defined by the school*)
- Be a United States citizen

Requirements

Applicants must submit all of the following:

- Completed application
- High school transcript - minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 required
- Essay regarding "What Being a Member of First Credit Union Means to Me"
 - ~ Include name and address on essay
 - ~ Essay should be 500 words or less, double-spaced, and typed or printed
- Letter of recommendation from one (1) counselor, teacher or other school official
- Complete young adult online survey. Survey link is available @ firstcu.net/community.

Process

Complete applications received on or before deadline will be considered by a panel of judges comprised of First Credit Union staff employees and executive management. Applications will be judged on academic achievement, letter of recommendation, and essay. Essay and letter of recommendation will be judged on spirit, content, and quality. Course selection and GPA will be the basis for academic achievement consideration. Survey responses will NOT be considered during evaluation process.

Important Information

Please send completed application and corresponding materials to the address below postmarked no later than February 9, 2024. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. All decisions are final. Recipients will be notified via email by March 22, 2024. Scholarship funds will be deposited into each recipient's First Credit Union savings account no later than May 10, 2024.

First Credit Union
Attn: Marketing
25 S. Arizona Place, Suite 111
Chandler, AZ 85225

Questions?

Please give us a call at (480) 756-5500 or toll-free outside Phoenix at (800) 732-6986.



Applicant Information

Name: _____ Best Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How did you hear about the scholarship? _____

High School Information

High School Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Schools, clubs, community organizations, volunteer, and/or sports teams that you have participated in during high school. If applicable, include copies of awards, certificates, and/or recognition that you have received as a result of your participation:

University/College/Vocational School Information

University, College or Vocational School you plan to attend. If possible, please attach acceptance letter(s):

Type of School:

- Four-Year University or College
Two-Year Community or Junior College
Vocational School
Other, please list: _____

Expected Major or Course of Study: _____

Degree or Certification Sought:

- Bachelor Associate Certificate Other, please list: _____



Application Checklist

Submit the following together and by the application deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

- Student Application
Essay
Transcript
Letter of Recommendation
Survey

Deadline and Application Submission

The application, including all supplemental documentation, should be mailed or hand-delivered to the address below. Please submit everything in a single envelope. The application deadline is February 9, 2024. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered. First Credit Union is not responsible for lost or misplaced items.

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Certification

First Credit Union reserves the right to select the recipients of the scholarship program based on the criteria set forth in the scholarship program description. If selected as a recipient, the student will be expected to authorize release of name, essay information, and a parental consent form to utilize images and photos of recipients for publicity purposes.

Limits on Liability

First Credit Union is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, technical error, or human error which may occur in the processing of entries and submissions. First Credit Union assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, or alteration of entries. First Credit Union reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the scholarship, in whole or in part, at any time.

Scholarships

Selected scholarship recipients each will be awarded \$1,000. Scholarship funds are to be used solely for tuition, books and/or supplies for recipient's own college education. In order to receive the scholarship, recipients must plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year university, college, or vocational school in the fall semester following their high school graduation. Scholarship funds will be deposited directly into recipient's First Credit Union savings account no later than May 10, 2024.

Conditions

Each recipient is subject to the following conditions: Recipient must sign all required legal documents provided by First Credit Union, verifying and guaranteeing the work submitted is an original, unpublished essay authored by said recipient. Any essay found to be, in any way, reproduced or copied from an existing work will immediately be disqualified.

I acknowledge that the information included in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____