PHILADELPHIA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
2018 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Awards

A $2,500 scholarship will be awarded to four (4) students for their accredited educational institution ($2,500 will be awarded to each winner).

Eligibility

The applicant must:
- be a member of PFCU in good standing,
- be enrolled as a high school senior at the time of application,
- appear in person at a predetermined branch to receive documentation and take part in a photo, and
- use scholarship funds for tuition or textbooks only at an accredited educational institution by January 31, 2019.

Employees of PFCU, directors, volunteers, and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.

Application Process

1. Eligible members must print out this scholarship application packet and send all requirements to:

   PFCU Scholarship Program
   12800 Townsend Road
   Philadelphia, PA 19154
   ATTN: Marketing Dept.

2. Applications must be postmarked by April 27, 2018.

Selection Process

Judging will be based upon subjective criteria including essays, weighted objective criteria, academic performance, extracurricular and community activities, references and personal goals. All scholarship winners will be notified by May 4, 2018. Those selected must appear in person to receive their scholarships and appear in a photo. If any winner fails to attend at their predetermined meeting time, another winner will be selected in his or her place.
2018 Scholarship Program – Checklist of Requirements

This checklist and all items on this checklist must be submitted and postmarked no later than Friday, April 27, 2018. Scholarship Program applicants must submit the completed package to the attention of the Marketing Dept. at PFCU Scholarship Program, 12800 Townsend Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154.

1. __________ Scholarship Application Information (Page 3)
   This section must be completed by the applicant.

2. __________ Applicant Verification (Page 4)
   This section must be signed by a high school guidance counselor to verify eligibility.

3. __________ Teacher Reference (Page 5)
   This section must be completed and signed by one of the applicant’s 12th grade teachers.

4. __________ Scholarship Essay Information
   Two completed essays typed on separate pieces of paper must include your name and be approximately 350 words each.

5. __________ Certification and Release Authorization (Page 6)
   This section must be signed and dated by both applicant and parent/guardian.

6. __________ High School Transcript
   Official high school transcripts containing straight, not weighted, cumulative numeric grade points as of the end of the second marking period of the 12th grade. If your school does not use this system, please ask your guidance counselor to provide this format on your transcript.

7. __________ SAT/ACT Transcript
   SAT/ACT Transcripts must be provided through your guidance office.

8. __________ Separate Letter of Recommendation
   Recommendation must be provided from a 12th grade teacher.
2018 Scholarship Program - Applicant Information

Applicant will not be considered unless all information is completed and requested documentation is provided. Answer the following questions by typing or printing clearly. Add additional pages if more room is necessary.

Name ___________________________ Account # ___________________________

Street Address ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________________________________ State _______________ Zip Code _________________________

Telephone Number (____-____) __________________________________________ Social Security Number _________-____-_______

High School __________________________________________________ Anticipated Graduation Date _______________________

Name of Institution you plan to attend _______________________________________________________________________________

Honors and Awards by year _______________________________________________________________________________________

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Leadership Positions Held by year (Elected or Appointed) ______________________________________________________________

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Curricular and Extracurricular Activities by year _______________________________________________________________________

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Community Service Activities, Employment by year (10+ hours/week) _____________________________________________________

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2018 Scholarship Program - Applicant Verification

Applicant will not be considered unless all information is completed and requested documentation is provided.

Application Verification:

For High School Guidance Counselors Only:
I hereby certify that the application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Guidance Counselor Name __________________________________________________________

Phone # __________________________________________________________

Signature __________________________________________________________

Date __________________________________________________________
2018 Scholarship Program - Teacher Reference

Student’s Name __________________________________________________________  Date ____/____/____

Dear Teacher:

The above named student is applying for a Scholarship through PFCU. Each applicant must submit a recommendation from a teacher. Please complete the questionnaire below and add any applicable comments. If this application is not completed and signed, the applicant will not be considered for the scholarship. The student must return the material to the Credit Union by April 27, 2018. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. Participation in Discussion (Self-initiated)
   - Always involved, often initiates discussion
   - Usually participates
   - Often participates
   - Occasionally participates
   - Seldom participates
   - Not applicable

2. Involvement in Classroom Activities
   - Very high in all activities
   - Active, usually shows genuine interest
   - Mild, politely attentive
   - Distracted, does other things during class
   - No Involvement

3. Pursuit of Independent Study
   - Considerable study and major project(s)
   - Considerable study or major project(s)
   - Some study and minor project(s)
   - Some study or minor project(s)
   - No evidence of independent study

4. Academic Performance
   - Consistent, varies no more than one mark
   - Occasionally varies more than one mark
   - Uneven, often varies two marks
   - Erratic, performance fluctuates greatly

5. Critical and Questioning Attitude
   - Often challenges
   - Sometimes challenges
   - Occasionally challenges
   - Rarely challenges
   - Not applicable

6. Depth of Understanding
   - Excellent insight
   - Good understanding
   - Some insight
   - Little insight
   - Poor understanding
   - Not applicable

7. Personal Responsibility
   - Always accepts fully
   - Usually accepts fully
   - Partially accepts
   - Sometimes refuses
   - Often refuses

8. Consideration For Others
   - Always considerate of others’ rights
   - Usually considerate
   - Little evidence of consideration
   - Sometimes inconsiderate
   - Often inconsiderate

Please Comment (Use additional sheet if necessary.)
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Teacher Signature_________________________________________________________  Subject__________________
2018 Scholarship Program - Scholarship Essay Information

It is required that you complete TWO essay questions to be considered for a scholarship. Each essay answer must be type written and approximately 350 words in length. Submit your responses on separate pieces of paper. Be sure to include your name on the essay.

Essay Questions:
Please answer two (2) of the following essay questions:

1. Credit unions depend upon a strong sense of community and service. How will you apply these ideals during your upcoming college years?

2. Discuss your career goals and how you plan to achieve them. What obstacles will you have to overcome?

3. How will you use the products and services of PFCU to budget during college?

4. Life as a college student offers many new financial opportunities. Which of these opportunities will you take advantage of, which will you avoid and why?

Certification and Release Authorization:

The information below must be completed before the applicant can be considered for a scholarship.

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize the release of this information to confirm/verify this application.

Student's Signature ________________________________ Date ___/___/___

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________ Date ___/___/___