

2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

AWARD

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:

1. Be a member of PFCU in good standing,
2. Be enrolled as a high school senior at the time of application,
3. Agree to take a photo with certificate and send photo to PFCU, and
4. Use scholarship funds for tuition or textbooks only at an accredited educational institution by January 31, 2022.

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

STUDENT APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. **Applicant Information** (Page 2 & 3)
2. **Two Essays** (Page 4)
 - *Typed on separate pages, approximately 350 words each*
3. **Applicant Verification** (Page 5)
 - *Signed by high school guidance counselor*
4. **Teacher Reference** (Page 6)
 - *Completed and signed by one of applicant's high school teachers*
5. **Separate Letter of Recommendation**
 - *Recommendation must be provided by one of applicant's high school teachers*
6. **Certification and Release Authorization** (Page 7)
 - *Signed and dated by both the applicant and parent/guardian*
7. **High School Transcript/Report Card**
 - *A report card/transcript up until the December 2020 semester must be attached with cumulative G.P.A. noted on a 4.0 scale or indication of equivalent. Transcripts do not need to be official/sealed.*
8. **Copy of ACT and/or SAT score(s) if taken**

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021:

Email:

PFCU Scholarship Program
scholarship@pfcu.com

Mail:

PFCU Scholarship Program
12800 Townsend Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154
Attn: Marketing Department

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 April 30, 2021.

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1. 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.

Full Name	Account Number	
Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email
Social Security Number	Anticipated Graduation Date	
High School	College, University or Career School You Plan to Attend	

ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

9 10 11 12 HRS/
WK

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/AWARDS

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

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SPECIAL
RECOGNITION/AWARDS

SPECIAL HONORS & AWARDS

	9	10	11	12	HRS/ WK	SPECIAL RECOGNITION/AWARDS

WORK & SUMMER ENRICHMENT

	9	10	11	12	HRS/ WK	SPECIAL RECOGNITION/AWARDS

HOBBIES & SPECIAL TRAINING

	9	10	11	12	HRS/ WK	SPECIAL RECOGNITION/AWARDS

Include additional pages if more room is necessary.

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2. ESSAY QUESTIONS

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

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. If you ran PFCU, what is one new initiative/program that you would implement?

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3. APPLICANT VERIFICATION

For High School Guidance Counselors Only:

I hereby certify that the application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Guidance Counselor Name

Guidance Counselor Phone Number

Guidance Counselor Email

Guidance Counselor Signature

Date

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4. TEACHER REFERENCE

The student listed below is applying for a Philadelphia Federal Credit Union Scholarship and will appreciate your recommendation. Please complete and return this form/questionnaire by the application deadline.

You may return the completed form to the applicant or, if confidentiality is preferred, return to PFCU:

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Student's Name	Your Name
Your Relationship to Student	How long have you known student?
Teacher Signature	Subject

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

- 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

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

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

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

- Depth of Understanding**
- Excellent insight
 - Good understanding
 - Some insight
 - Little insight
 - Poor understanding

- Personal Responsibility**
- Always accepts fully
 - Usually accepts fully
 - Partially accepts
 - Sometimes refuses
 - Often refuses

- Consideration For Others**
- Always considerate of others' rights
 - Usually considerate
 - Little evidence of consideration
 - Sometimes inconsiderate
 - Often inconsiderate

If you wish to include additional comments, please include on a separate page.

6. CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

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

I also understand that Philadelphia Federal Credit Union will use my name and photo for public relations purposes if selected as a recipient.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____