

2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

AWARD

A \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to six (6) 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, 2025.

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 of the semester up until the end of December 2023 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 19, 2024:

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 May 3, 2024.

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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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**9 10 11 12 HRS/
WK**

**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:

Email:
PFCU Scholarship Program
scholarship@pfcu.com

Mail:
PFCU Scholarship Program
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Philadelphia, PA 19154
Attn: Marketing Department

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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) <input type="checkbox"/> Always involved, often initiates discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Usually participates <input type="checkbox"/> Often participates <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally participates <input type="checkbox"/> Seldom participates <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	Critical and Questioning Attitude <input type="checkbox"/> Often challenges <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes challenges <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally challenges <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely challenges <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Involvement in Classroom Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Very high in all activities <input type="checkbox"/> Active, usually shows genuine interest <input type="checkbox"/> Mild, politely attentive <input type="checkbox"/> Distracted, does other things during class <input type="checkbox"/> No Involvement	Depth of Understanding <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent insight <input type="checkbox"/> Good understanding <input type="checkbox"/> Some insight <input type="checkbox"/> Little insight <input type="checkbox"/> Poor understanding
Pursuit of Independent Study <input type="checkbox"/> Considerable study and major project(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Some study and minor project(s) <input type="checkbox"/> No evidence of independent study	Personal Responsibility <input type="checkbox"/> Always accepts fully <input type="checkbox"/> Usually accepts fully <input type="checkbox"/> Partially accepts <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes refuses <input type="checkbox"/> Often refuses
Academic Performance <input type="checkbox"/> Consistent, varies no more than one mark <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally varies more than one mark <input type="checkbox"/> Uneven, often varies two marks <input type="checkbox"/> Erratic, performance fluctuates greatly	Consideration For Others <input type="checkbox"/> Always considerate of others' rights <input type="checkbox"/> Usually considerate <input type="checkbox"/> Little evidence of consideration <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes inconsiderate <input type="checkbox"/> Often inconsiderate

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

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6. CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

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