

# 2025 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, 2026.

*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 2024 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 18, 2025:**

### 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 Friday, May 2, 2025.

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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 HONORS & AWARDS


### WORK & SUMMER ENRICHMENT


### HOBBIES & SPECIAL TRAINING


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.*

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Guidance Counselor Name

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Guidance Counselor Phone Number

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Guidance Counselor Email

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Guidance Counselor Signature

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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  
12800 Townsend Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19154  
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Student's Name	Your Name
Your Relationship to Student	How long have you known student?
Teacher Signature	Subject

  

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

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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.

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Student's Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date