



FIRST CHOICE FINANCIAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Student Scholarship Program 2025 Application



"You Belong Here"

- **THE PROGRAM**

Each year, First Choice Financial Federal Credit Union awards up to \$8,000 in scholarships to candidates who demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to community service, reflecting our philosophy of "people helping people."

Scholarship recipients must submit a college acceptance letter and proof of full-time enrollment. In 2025, First Choice Financial Federal Credit Union will award eight \$1,000 scholarships.

- **ELIGIBILITY**

The applicant must be:

- **A Member of First Choice Financial FCU and in good standing with the Credit Union.**
- A first-time college bound student.
 - PTECH students are eligible to apply.
 - Age 21 or younger.

- **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Check each box after completion

1. **The applicant and his/her parent or guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization.**
2. The signed application must be submitted together with:
 - ___ Sealed official high school transcript and unweighted GPA.
 - ___ Applicant's credit union essay.
 - ___ Teacher's letter of reference. (2) Required.
 - ___ Letter of acceptance/proof of full-time status from the college attending
3. The application, transcript, essay, letters of recommendation, and letter of acceptance/proof of full-time status from the college attending must be returned by the application deadline.
If any portion is incomplete or not included, the application will not be considered.

- **SELECTION PROCESS**

Judging will be based on the applicant's academic performance, personal essay, community activities, honors/awards, and letters of recommendation.

- **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Application must be returned to the Credit Union no later than **Friday, March 28, 2025.**

Scholarship Applicant Information:

Application will not be considered unless all information is completed in full and all requested documentation is provided. Please type or print clearly. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number () _____ Date of Graduation ____/____/____

High School _____ Anticipated Graduation Date ____/____/____

Name of Institution You Plan to Attend _____

Honors and Awards:

Examples: National Honor Society, Principal's Awards, College Book Awards, Student/Athlete Awards, Empire State Games Team, Eagle Scout Classification.

1. _____ 5. _____

2. _____ 6. _____

3. _____ 7. _____

4. _____ 8. _____

Leadership Positions Held (Elected or Appointed):

Examples: Student Government officer, Youth Court official, Scouting team leader, Club Leader.

1. _____ 5. _____

2. _____ 6. _____

3. _____ 7. _____

4. _____ 8. _____

Curricular, Extracurricular:

Examples: Language clubs, drama/choral groups, sports teams.

- 1. _____ 4. _____
- 2. _____ 5. _____
- 3. _____ 6. _____

Community Service Activities and Employment (more than 10 hours/week):

List and describe the community service activities you have performed and employment.
Be specific. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed.

Essay Information:

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following essay question. Your response should be 300-500 words. **Please type your response—points will be deducted if response is not typed.**

Question:

“What is the value and importance of community service in our society and tell us what it means to you.”

Teacher/Supervisor References: (Submit 2)

Dear Teacher/Supervisor:

Please provide your recommendation on a separate typewritten letter. The applicant must return the material to the Credit Union by **Friday, March 28, 2025**. Please be sure to sign and date your letter of recommendation. Thank you for your cooperation.

Certification and Release Authorization:

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for scholarship awards.

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. If my son/daughter should be a scholarship recipient, I give First Choice Financial Federal Credit Union permission to take his/her picture and list his/her name as a scholarship winner that would be published in the local newspapers, FCFFCU Website, Email, LED Sign, Lobby TV’s and FCFFCU Social Media pages such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

Member’s Signature (Student) _____ *Date* _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ *Date* _____

Thank you for submitting your application for the First Choice Financial Federal Credit Union Scholarship. We appreciate your time and effort and wish you the very best in all your future endeavors!

*If you have any questions please call
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