



Arkansas Federal
CREDIT UNION
Scholarship Application

The Award

The Arkansas Federal Credit Union scholarship is a one-time, \$5,000 scholarship, to be awarded by Arkansas Federal Credit Union.

Eligibility

The applicant must be a member or child of a member with Arkansas Federal Credit Union in good standing who meets all of the following criteria:

- The member/child of member is a college-bound high school senior at the time of application.
- The member/child of member is attending college for the first time in the fall of 2017.
- The member/child of member will be enrolled in either a two- or four-year educational institution.
- The member/child of member agrees to use any scholarship funds awarded by August 31, 2017, at an accredited institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education. This information can be found at ope.ed.gov/accreditation/
- Employees and AFCU volunteers and children of employees or AFCU volunteers are not eligible.

Application Process

To apply, eligible members/children of members must complete the attached scholarship application form. Applicants should type or print clearly and use only the space provided on the form to answer the questions. Other than specified below, no attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind should be submitted or used to answer the questions.

Check each box after completion

The signed application must be submitted with:

- a high school transcript documenting student's GPA for grades 9-12
- an SAT/PSAT/ACT transcript (obtained through the high school guidance office)
- a typed essay response (refer to page 4 of application for details)
- two (2) non-family member letters of recommendation
- The applicant and his/her parent or guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization on the last page of the application form.
- The application, transcripts, essay and letters of recommendation may be returned in person, by email, or by mail. **All portions must be returned together.** If any portion is incomplete or missing, the application will not be considered. The items must be returned in person or by email to the credit union by Friday, March 17, 2017. Applications may be emailed to: marketinginfo@afcu.org. If returning by mail, they must be postmarked by Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Mail should be addressed to:

Arkansas Federal Credit Union
Attn: Marketing
Post Office Box 9
Jacksonville, AR 72078

Selection Process

Judging will be based on both subjective and objective criteria. These include academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, essay, etc.

Application Deadline

Applications must be returned to the credit union no later than Friday, March 17, 2017.

Scholarship Applicant Information

This application will not be considered unless all information is completed in full, on this form only, and all requested documentation is provided.

Please type or print clearly and use only the space provided on this form to answer the questions. Do not use any attachments, resumes, pictures, or other material of any kind to answer the questions.

The award recipient will be notified by April 28, 2017. The award will be made payable to the institution of learning and will be either mailed to or picked up by the award recipient.

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

High School Currently Attending: _____

GPA: _____

2- or 4-year college or university planning to attend:

Area of Study:

High School Honors and Awards

Please list honors and awards and year(s) of participation. Use this space only.

Examples: honor roll, National Honor Society, Who's Who, principal's awards, science fair awards, college book awards, student/athlete awards, etc.

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| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

High School Activities

Please list high school activities and year(s) of participation. Use this space only.

Examples: sports teams, clubs, band, drama, choral, orchestra, yearbook, school newspaper, etc.

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| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
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Community Activities and Volunteer Work

Please list community activities and volunteer work and year(s) of participation. Do not list one-time activities or events. Use this space only.

Examples: scouting, community service projects, community volunteerism, religious youth groups, youth counseling, etc.

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

Paid Employment

Please list each job separately and indicate the year(s) employed. Only jobs requiring more than 10 hours per week should be listed. Use this space only.

Examples: part-time jobs, babysitting, etc.

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

Leadership Positions Held (elected or appointed)

Please list leadership positions held and the year(s) of participation. Use this space only.

Examples: class officer, club officer, sports team leader, scouting leader, student government officer, band/orchestra 1st chair, etc.

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
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4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

Family Information

Name of parent or guardian(s) _____
First and Last Name
First and Last Name

Are there any unusual circumstances or need for financial aid? If so, please explain below.

Essay

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to all of the following questions. Your response should be typed, between 300-500 words and should include your full name in the top right corner.

Questions:

How are you currently financially preparing for college? How will your college budget look? How do you plan to manage your college debt post-graduation?

Certification and Release Authorization

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

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. I authorize AFCU to use my name and photograph of me in either print or on the Internet. I agree to use any scholarship funds awarded at an U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education recognized accredited educational institution by August 31, 2017.

Member Number _____

Student Signature _____ Date ___ / ___ / ___

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ___ / ___ / ___

Application Verification

For Credit Union Use Only. The following information must be completed in full by credit union management for the application to be considered.

I hereby certify that the following applicant is an Arkansas Federal Credit Union member in good standing.

AFCU Employee name _____

AFCU Employee Signature _____ Date ___ / ___ / ___