



1st Ed Credit Union 2021 Scholarship Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in 1st Ed Credit Union's Scholarship Program which gives five \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors that are seeking higher education.

You are eligible to apply if:

- You are a member of 1st Ed Credit Union*.
 - See our eligibility list at www.1edcu.org/about-us/membership.
- You are currently a high school senior that will enroll in a full-time undergraduate program during the 2021-2022 school year at an accredited two or four year college/university or a vocational/technical school in the United States.
- You will be available to attend our Annual Meeting on April 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Instructions:

- Complete and return the Scholarship Application Checklist and Form by January 22, 2021.

Selection:

- Applications will be blindly reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and the Board of Directors. The selection will be based on academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, and essay. Applicants will be notified of the Board's selection by March 29, 2021.

Acceptance of Funds:

- Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the school after the student submits their first semester grades with a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Students have until December 2022 to use their scholarship funds.

*Members of 1st Ed Credit Union's Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee and their family members are not eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Students & Parents

Congratulations Students! You're taking a step in the right direction by continuing your education which increases the chances of landing your dream job and obtaining lifelong financial stability.

Parents, paying for your child's education doesn't have to be a struggle. There are many ways to help your children reach their educational goals without going broke.

We're proud to ease the cost of higher education by offering five \$1,500 scholarships to our student members. All you need to do to apply is be a member of 1st Ed and complete the attached **Scholarship Application Checklist and Form**. We also offer a convenient student line of credit with zero origination or prepayment fees, low rates, flexible repayment and deferment options.

Not a member yet? Don't worry; all you need is \$5 to open a new membership. You can even apply online at www.1edcu.org/about-us/join-now.

No matter if you're going to school near or far you'll always have access to your accounts with:

- Over 32,000 surcharge-free ATMs nationwide
- More than 5,000 Shared Branch locations
- Online & mobile banking with mobile deposit

Check out our website (www.1edcu.org) or give us a call (717-264-6506) for more details on:

- Membership
- Checking accounts
- Student loans

Good Luck!

1st Ed Credit Union's Scholarship Committee



1st Ed Scholarship Application Checklist

Applications must be received or postmarked by January 22, 2021.

◇ **Complete the 1st Ed Scholarship Application Form**

◇ **Submit your High School Transcript**

A transcript of your high school GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale signed by your guidance counselor.

◇ **Submit a Letter of Recommendation**

Submit one letter of recommendation from a non-family member. See below for letter of recommendation guidelines.

Examples: School Employee, Coach, Employer, Community Figure, Scout Leader or Religious Figure.

Guidelines: We ask that the following questions be answered **without** using the student's last name, the name of the school they attend or printed on school letterhead.

- How do you know the student?
- What stands out to you about the student's character?
- Do you feel the student is challenged by their academics?
- What are the student's greatest attributes?
- How well do you think the student will accomplish their future personal and academic achievements and why?
- Any additional comments you feel the scholarship committee should know about the student.

◇ **Write an Essay**

Your essay **must** be at least 250 words typed with double line spacing, 12-point font, and 1" margins on single-sided pages. **Your name, school or school district must NOT appear anywhere on or in the body of the essay.**

Topic

Why did you decide on your choice of technical school or college and major?

◇ **Submit all documentation to 1st Ed Credit Union by January 22, 2021:**

- Online: www.1edcu.org/2021-scholarship-application-form
 - Must be submitted in .pdf or .doc form
- By mail: 1st Ed Credit Union, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 1156 Kennebec Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST AUTHORIZATION

We realize that at this time when many schools are being conducted virtually it may be difficult obtaining your transcript from your school/guidance counselor. If needed, 1st Ed Credit Union will work with your school to obtain your transcript to complete your scholarship application. By signing below, you authorize a 1st Ed Credit Union representative to request a copy of your transcript from the school/guidance counselor listed.

Name of High School _____

Guidance Counselor Name _____

Telephone number _____

E-mail _____

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature (if student is under 18 years of age)

Date

1st Ed Scholarship Application Form

Any applications that are incomplete will not be considered as an entry for a scholarship.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Academic Information

High School: _____

Name of Technical School or College You Plan to Attend: _____

Desired Major of Study: _____

By signing below, I certify that the information listed in the application is true and the essay is the result of my own work and reflects my own ideas. I agree to accept the decision of the judges as final. I further agree that the essay submitted for judging purposes will become the property of 1st Ed Credit Union. Should I receive a scholarship, I agree to the use of my name, photo and achievements listed in the application to be included in any publications regarding the scholarship recipients.

Student Signature *Date*

Parent Signature (if student is under 18 years old) *Date*

Honors, Awards, Activities, Volunteer Work, Leadership Positions and Employment

List no more than 5 honors, awards, activities, volunteer work, leadership positions and employment you feel have made the biggest impact on your high school career.

Examples: Honor roll, National Honor Society, clubs, band, sports teams, scouting, community service, class officer, team captain, band chair, part-time jobs, etc.

Honor, Award, Activity, Volunteer Work, Leadership Position or Employment:

Details:

Honor, Award, Activity, Volunteer Work, Leadership Position or Employment:

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