

Rochester Chapter of The Credit Union Association of New York 2012 College Scholarship Program

The Rochester Chapter of The Credit Union Association of New York will award a minimum of \$10,000.00 in scholarship funds to outstanding high school seniors that are members of participating Rochester Chapter Credit Unions.

Eligibility


Each applicant must have an account (titled in their name) and be a member in good standing of a participating credit union. All applicants must be high school seniors for the 2011/2012 school year, with plans to attend an accredited college or university for the 2012/2013 school year.


Selection Process

Our winners will be selected by an independent panel of judges responsible for evaluating and ranking applications received within three separate categories – Academic Performance, Community Involvement (includes sports, volunteer work and activities outside of the standard school curriculum) and an Essay Response.

Applicants with an outstanding record for service to their communities may be chosen for special consideration as recipients of the Sam Gaudino Service Scholarship Award. These winners may not outscore other applicants in the three categories listed above, but will have documented extraordinary contributions within their community – an important characteristic that defines credit unions, their cooperative structure and their roots as volunteer-driven organizations.


Application Process

 Please complete the scholarship application in full. Include one (1) additional sheet for your essay response and a copy of your Activities/Extra Curricular/Community Service Resume. Failure to complete the application and include all applicable attachments as instructed will result in disqualification.

 Submit the application (don't forget signatures) along with:

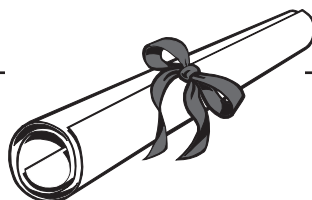
- An official copy of the student's SAT and/or ACT scores (do NOT send original)
- An official copy of the student's high school transcript (SAT and/or ACT scores may be included directly on transcript)

Note: If required by the student's school, the transcript can be sent directly to the scholarship administrator (see below). It is the student's responsibility to ensure their high school transcripts have been submitted.

 Send completed applications to: **Advantage FCU**
Attn: Nancy Walsh
1000 South Ave, Box 26
Rochester, NY 14620

Applications must be post-marked on or before January 27, 2012.
Scholarship winners only will be notified on or before March 2, 2012, as well as posted on our web site at <http://rochestercreditunions.info/>.

Remember – incomplete submissions will be disqualified.



Applicant Information

Applicants must complete all information and provide requested documentation. Please type or print clearly using blue or black ink.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Social Security Number _____

Student's E-mail Address _____ Parent's E-mail Address _____

High School _____ Graduation Date _____

SAT / ACT Scores _____ High School GPA _____

Name of institution(s) you are planning to attend _____

Career and educational goals _____

Certification and Release Authorization

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. If I am awarded a scholarship, the Rochester Chapter of The Credit Union Association of New York may use my name and/or photo for publicity purposes.

Student's Signature: _____ Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

(Student & Parent must sign application to qualify)

Credit Union Name(s): _____ Student's CU Account Number(s): _____

Thank you for participating in the
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Part 2

Extracurricular and Community Service Activities

Please include an Activities/Extra Curricular/Community Service Resume with your application. Please list any activities you have participated in during your four years of high school including but not limited to clubs, sports, social, school based, religious or community organizations, volunteer work, paid employment positions, etc.

Part 3

Essay Question

We require this essay response to be typed, double-spaced, using an 11 point font. The response is limited to a single side of an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper and should be included with your application. Please also include your full name in the bottom right hand corner of the essay response. Organization, grammar, punctuation and creativity will be considered in the scoring for this section.

For your essay, please respond to the following:

In your application process you have provided us with an Activities/Extra Curricular/Community Service Resume. From your resume, please choose the volunteer experience that you found to be your most rewarding or that provided the greatest benefit to the recipient(s). Then, please describe how this experience personally affected you and how it relates to the overall credit union philosophy of "People Helping People."

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Please detach and give to your guidance counselor.

Name of student: _____ Date: _____

School: _____

Dear Counselor:

The above-named student is applying for a college scholarship from the Rochester Chapter of The Credit Union Association of New York. Each applicant is required to submit an official copy of their SAT and/or ACT scores, (please do not send originals) as well as a high school transcript (signed and sealed). If your school's transcript includes the applicant's SAT/ACT scores, this will be accepted as well. **We appreciate your assistance in providing this information prior to the application deadline of January 27th, 2012.**

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of your student.

Sincerely,

Communication and Marketing Committee
Rochester Chapter of The Credit Union Association of New York

Note: If possible, please return all information to the scholarship applicant upon completion.
If you are required to *mail* transcript information, please send it to:

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