



Advantage Federal Credit Union 2017 College Scholarship Program

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship:

- Must be a current member of Advantage FCU with an account in their own name and members must be in good standing with Advantage FCU.
- All applicants must be a high school senior for the 2016/2017 school year.
- Must complete a Scholarship application and essay.
- Must plan to attend an accredited college or university in the 2017/2018 school year.

Selection Process

The 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. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

Application Process

To apply, student members must complete this scholarship application in full. Please attach one (1) additional sheet to your application containing 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.

- The signed application must be submitted to the address below, along with:
 - An official copy of the student's SAT and/or ACT scores (Please DO NOT send original)
 - An official copy of the student's high school transcript (SAT, ACT scores may be included on transcript)
 - Note: If required by the applicant's high school, this item can be mailed directly from the guidance office. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their school transcripts have been submitted.
- Send all completed scholarship materials to :

**Advantage FCU
Attn: Marketing
1975 Buffalo Road
Rochester, NY 14624**

**Applications must be post-marked on or before April 7, 2017.
Scholarship winners only will be notified on or before May 10, 2017.**

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 _____ Date of Birth _____

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, Advantage Federal Credit Union 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)

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 one 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."



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 Advantage Federal Credit Union. 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 April 7, 2017.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of your student.

Sincerely,

Advantage Federal Credit Union

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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