



2021 College Scholarship Program

The Rochester Chapter of the New York Credit Union Association will be awarding 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 the applicant's name) and be a member in good standing of a participating credit union. All applicants must be high school seniors for the 2020/2021 school year, with plans to attend an accredited college or university for the 2021/2022 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 and an Essay.

Applicants with an outstanding record for service to their communities may be chosen as a recipient of the Sam Gaudino Service Scholarship Award. While this winner may not outscore other applicants in the three categories listed above, they 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 and ensure that each page you submit includes your full name. Include your one page essay and a copy of your Activities/Extracurricular/Community Service Resume. Each page must be one sided for scanning purposes. Failure to complete the application and include all applicable attachments as instructed will result in disqualification.

Note: If required by the student's school, the transcript can be mailed or emailed by a school official directly to the scholarship administrator (see below). Please submit transcript in a sealed envelope with a signature and a date. It is the student's responsibility to ensure their high school transcripts have been submitted.

You may mail applications to:

**The Summit FCU
Attn: Katie Nauerth
100 Marina Drive
Rochester, NY 14626**

You may email* applications to:

scholarship@summitfcu.org

*Only sections 1, 2 and 3 can be emailed from student

*Section 4 can be emailed from the school

Applications must be post-marked or emailed on or before February 26, 2021. We will notify winners only on or before May 1, 2021. Remember – incomplete submissions will be disqualified. Please see checklist on page 3 to ensure all information has been included.

Part 1

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 _____ **Parent/Guardian's Number** _____

Student's Email _____ **Parent/Guardian's Email** _____

High School _____ **Graduation Date** _____

Name of institution(s) where you have applied: Please indicate if you have been accepted yet.

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 New York Credit Union Association may use my name and/or photo for publicity purposes.

Student's Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

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

Part 2

Extracurricular and Community Service Activities

Please include a one sided Activities/Extracurricular/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 Requirements:

- One page only
- Single sided 8 ½" x 11" paper
- Typed, double-spaced, 12 point font
- 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
- Essay must be included with application

For your essay, please respond to the following:

The overall credit union philosophy is "People Helping People." In your application process you have provided us with an Activities/Extracurricular/Community Service Resume. From your resume, please choose one 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 "People Helping People."

Part 4

Official Transcript and SAT/ACT Scores

Please see page four for details.

Scholarship Submission Checklist

Before you submit your application, please see the following list:

- Part 1. Applicant info – All information is completed.
- Part 2. Activity document is single-sided and full name is included on each page.
- Part 3. Essay meets all the requirements listed in Part 3.
- Part 4. Provide guidance counselor with form to submit transcript and SAT/ACT scores (if applicable)
 - Transcript – This information must be provided by the school.
 - SAT/ ACT Scores – Can be either included on the transcript or as a separate document. This information can be provided by the student or the school.

**Thank you for participating in the Rochester Chapter of New York Credit Union Association
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Please detach this page 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 New York Credit Union Association. 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, dated 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 February 26, 2021.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of your student.

Sincerely,

Communications Council
Rochester Chapter of New York Credit Union Association

Please return all information to the scholarship applicant upon completion in a sealed envelope,
or send via email to scholarship@summitfcu.org.

If you are required to *mail* transcript information, please send it to:

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