



Western Cooperative CREDIT UNION

December 17, 2015

Dear High School Guidance Counselor,

The Credit Union Association of the Dakotas, the trade association for credit unions statewide, is once again awarding five \$500 scholarships for applicants that exemplify the credit union philosophy of "people helping people" through volunteering, community service, and leadership. Five scholarships will be awarded to North Dakota high school graduates that are members of *any* North Dakota credit union and the winners will be announced in May 2016.

Enclosed are the eligibility requirements and an application for the scholarship. Applications must be postmarked by **Monday, March 7th, 2016**. Please feel free to make copies. An electronic version of the application can also be downloaded by going to <http://www.wccu.org>.

If you have any questions, please call me at 572-4000 or 800-584-9220, or Debbie Kruckenberg at the Credit Union Association of the Dakotas at 701-250-3924 or 800-279-6328, ext. 3924.

Please encourage students to apply. This is a great program and a good way to earn money to put towards their college education and future careers. Thank you!

Sincerely,

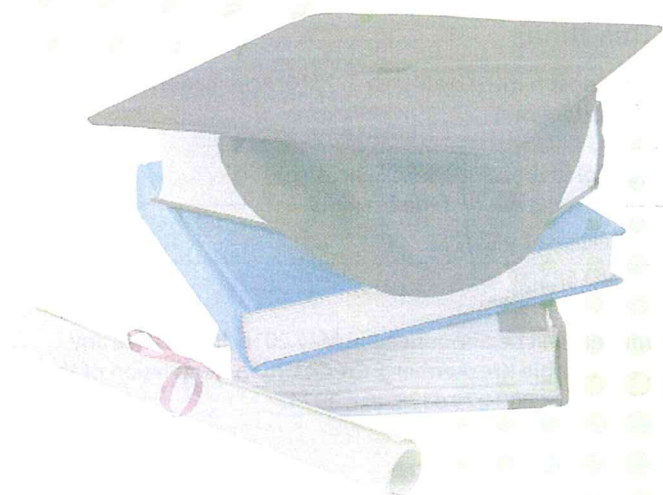
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Dakota Credit Unions' High School Financial Scholarship 2016



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Checklist:

- ☐ Completed Application
- ☐ List of volunteer work/job experience
- ☐ List of extracurricular activities
- ☐ List of accomplishments, honors, and awards received, including:
 - ☐ One letter of recommendation
 - ☐ Essay, not to exceed 500 words, on one of the two topics listed in the essay section

Deadline:

Applications must be postmarked by March 7, 2016 and should be sent to the following address:

Attn: DCU High School Financial Scholarship
Credit Union Association of the Dakotas
2005 North Kavaney Drive
Bismarck, ND 58501

Scholarships:

Credit Union Association of the Dakotas will award ten \$500 scholarships for applicants that exemplify the credit union philosophy of "people helping people" through volunteering, community service, and leadership. Five scholarships will be awarded to North Dakota high school graduates and five to South Dakota high school graduates. Scholarships will be awarded upon the successful completion of the first semester of college.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a United States citizen.
2. Applicant must have been a credit union member for at least one year.
3. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
4. Applicant must be planning to attend a two or four year post-secondary accredited university or a technical/vocational school.
5. Credit union must be affiliated with the Credit Union Association of the Dakotas.

Application Requirements:

1. A completed copy of the Dakota Credit Unions' High School Financial Scholarship application form including:
 - List of volunteer work/job experience
 - List of extracurricular activities/organizations
 - List of accomplishments, honors, and awards received
2. A written letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, community leader, or supervisor.
3. An essay, not to exceed 500 words, on one of the following questions:
"How, through your involvement in the community/school activities, events, or volunteer efforts, have you shown the cooperative spirit?"
OR
"What can your credit union do to continue providing you with financial solutions for a lifetime?"

Judging Criteria:

The judging committee, consisting of credit union professionals from each state, will score each applicant on the following criteria:

1. Volunteer work/job experience
2. Extracurricular activities/organizations
3. Accomplishments, honors, and awards
4. Essay

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2016 Dakota Credit Unions' High School Financial Scholarship Application

Date: _____

Name: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____
Name of School Phone Number Graduation Date

School Planning to Attend: _____
Name of School Mailing Address

City State Zip Phone Number

Expected Field of Study/Major: _____

Credit Union: _____
Name of Credit Union in Which You are a Member Years of Membership

Accomplishments/Honors/Awards

Please list any/all of your honors or awards and the year in which you received them. (If more room is needed, please attach an extra sheet.)

1. _____ Date: _____
2. _____ Date: _____
3. _____ Date: _____
4. _____ Date: _____
5. _____ Date: _____
6. _____ Date: _____
7. _____ Date: _____

Extracurricular Activities/Organizations

Please list the extracurricular activities/organizations you have participated in, including the length of involvement, offices held, and dates of participation. (If more room is needed, please attach an extra sheet.)

Activity/Organization	Length of Involvement	Position Held	Date(s)
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
4. _____			
5. _____			
6. _____			
7. _____			

Volunteer Work/Job Experience

Please list the volunteer/community service work or job experience you have participated in, including the dates worked. Also, please indicate the type of experience, volunteerism/work. (If more room is needed, please attach an extra sheet.)

Type of Experience	Volunteer Work or Job	Date(s)
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		
5. _____		
6. _____		
7. _____		

Essay (500 words)-choose one (use a blank sheet of paper):

An essay, not to exceed 500 words, on one of the following questions: "How, through your involvement in the community/school activities, events, or volunteer efforts, have you shown the cooperative spirit?" OR "What can your credit union do to continue to provide you with financial solutions for a lifetime?"

I certify that everything I have stated on this application and any attachment is true.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

I give permission to release my full name to the media should I receive this scholarship.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Submit