



## Horizons North Credit Union Scholarship Application

**Purpose:** This scholarship is intended to give financial assistance to a deserving student. It is not intended to cover all expenses. In the planning of your financial need, you should not assume that a scholarship has been awarded until you are officially notified.

**Award:** The scholarship award will be \$500 to assist in obtaining further education or training in a school of higher education in Colorado. It will be awarded without reference to race, creed, color, religion or sex. **To be considered, please complete the Horizons North Credit Union Scholarship Application and return to Krista Burnell at Horizons North Credit Union by April 16, 2010.**

### **Eligibility Requirements to Apply:**

1. Must have a scholastic record of 3.0 GPA or better.
2. Must be graduating from high school.
3. Must be planning to attend a school of higher education in Colorado.
4. Must register for at least six (6) credit hours per semester.
5. Scholarship will be void if student does not enroll in vocational school or college during the 2010-2011 school year, beginning in fall semester 2010.
6. Applicant or parent of applicant must be a member of Horizons North Credit Union.
7. Applicant may apply for second year assistance. He/she must have maintained at least a C-average and completed six (6) credit hours per semester.
8. If applying for the second year scholarship, a new application with transcript must be submitted by March 31, 2010.
9. You must submit your application for the first year scholarship by April 16, 2010.

### **I. Personal Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA to date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college, trade or vocational school you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_



**II. Income Information**

Applicant lives with (select one): Spouse  Parents  Lives Alone  Other

Please complete the following information if applicable:

Applicant's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Average Gross Annual Income of family \_\_\_\_\_

Other Sources of Income (check all that apply):

Child Support  Social Security Benefits  AFDC  Other

Amount

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**III. Personal Essay**

Write a personal essay including the following:

- a. Your goals for the future.
- b. Why you require financial assistance.
- c. Why you feel you should be selected, based on the previously outlined criteria.

**IV. Letters of Recommendation**

Please include two letters of recommendation, including one from a teacher in your school. **DO NOT** include letters from relatives.



### **Criteria & Consideration Process for Horizons North Credit Union Scholarship**

**Academic Commitment:** Candidate demonstrates a high academic achievement level reflected in a high grade point average (GPA); test scores (CAT & TABE or PLATO); taking a variety of challenging classes; few, if any, lost classes; and maximum effort exerted in the classroom.

**Leadership:** Candidate is willing to take on leadership roles (whether formal or informal); serves others as a positive role model; active in school-related decision making; has successful involvement in leadership classes; and is willing to motivate and inspire others.

**Perseverance:** Candidate has held to a course of action; has not given up in challenging circumstances; has overcome obstacles; and succeeds by following through with goals.

**Citizenship:** Candidate engages in positive behaviors; serves others as a positive role model; promotes mutual respect and appropriate confrontation; is willing to help others; and is active in school related activities.

**Service:** Candidate has been helpful to staff and other students; engages in volunteer efforts both in school and in the community; serves as a student assistant and/or tutor; and is consistently committed to the well being of others.

### **Rating Scale**

**Students should be measured on a scale of 4 (four) to 1 (one) as follows:**

- 4** Student clearly demonstrates all of these qualities both in their written application and in actual behavior/accomplishments while enrolled in school. The student's application accurately and honestly highlights their skills and achievements in this category. In addition, this student is a natural in this category outside of school and as an alumnus and show "staying power" with regard to their future goals. This candidate is an outstanding representative of the best that can be attained while attending school.
- 3** Student demonstrates these qualities at the point of graduation, although he or she may have encountered minor "ebbs and flows" during enrollment. His or her actual behavior/accomplishments are accurately reflected in his or her application, and in general, he or she has demonstrated accomplishments at a proficient and commendatory level. This candidate represents the rewards of striving hard while attending school.



- 2 Student demonstrates some, but not all, of the qualities and may demonstrate strengths in certain areas. During enrollment, this student may have had a slow start while enrolled in school. The candidate demonstrates some ability for sustainable accomplishments in one or more of the areas yet may be better matched with an alternate recognition.
- 1 Student demonstrates minimal accomplishment in each of the areas and may, in fact, not demonstrate significant strengths in more than one area. Although this student may have potential, their behavior and accomplishments while attending school may not demonstrate sustainable contributions in these categories.

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Personal Information (Name, address, phone number, etc.)

Income Information

Personal Essay

Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

One Letter should be from a teacher

One letter should be from a community member (boss/supervisor, neighbor, family, friend, clergy member, coach, etc.)

**Final decisions will be made by the scholarship committee based on the criteria included on the attached form.**



I certify that the information included here is complete and accurate. I have read the **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** of the Horizons North Credit Union Scholarship and agree to abide by these requirements if I am the recipient.

The scholarship will be granted to the first alternate when, and if, the recipient does not continue his/her education.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form, when completed, should be submitted to **Krista Burnell** at Horizons North Credit Union. The above information will be regarded as confidential.

Please **DO NOT** submit an **INCOMPLETE** application.