



2012 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. The scholarship application process is intended to insure the recipient, and all applicants have basic financial training that will assist them during their studies and in life beyond college.

Award: The scholarship award will be \$500 to assist in obtaining further education or training in a school of higher education. 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, 2012.

Application Process

- Fill out the official application and submit by 04/16/12.
- Complete the complimentary FoolProof modules It's a multi-step process that will take several hours to complete.
- Personal Essay
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

AND

Pick one of the following required interactive entries:

- Create a digital movie and that can be posted on the HNCU Facebook page about why financial literacy is important to young adults and your experience with FoolProof.
- Submit electronically via e-mail, CD, or zip drive a presentation to HNCU aimed at your peers with your plan for maintaining good credit throughout your college career.

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 submit proof of completing FoolProof online modules (student or solo). May be completed through your school program or through HNCU. For more information contact Krista Burnell at 720-872-8618.
4. Must be planning to attend a school of higher education.
5. Must register for at least six (6) credit hours per semester.
6. Scholarship will be void if student does not enroll in vocational school or college during the 2012-2013 school year, beginning in fall semester 2012.
7. Applicant or parent of applicant must be a member of Horizons North Credit Union.
8. 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.
9. If applying for the second year scholarship, a new application with transcript must be submitted by March 30, 2012.
10. You must submit your application for the first year scholarship by April 16, 2012.



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 _____

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

C/O Horizons North Credit Union

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The above information will be regarded as confidential.

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