Thank you for your interest in 1st Ed Credit Union's Scholarship. You have the opportunity to receive one of four $1,500 scholarships to be used at the college, university, or trade school of your choice.

You are eligible to apply if:

- You are a member of 1st Ed Credit Union. See next page for our eligibility list.
- You are currently a high school student accepted for fall 2016 admission to attend an accredited college, university, vocational, or technical school within the United States as a full-time undergraduate student (12 semester hours).
- You will be available to present your essay to the membership at the Annual Meeting on April 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Instructions:

- Complete the accompanying 1st Ed Credit Union Scholarship application form.
- Write a minimum 500-word essay that answers the following points:
    a) Your degree of commitment to pursue a college education,
    b) How you are preparing financially to meet that goal, and
    c) How you anticipate making a contribution to society.
- Submit a transcript of your high school GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale that is signed by your guidance counselor.
- Send all documentation to 1st Ed Credit Union, Attn: Scholarship Committee,1156 Kennebec Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Application Deadline is March 1, 2016. Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and the Board of Directors. Applicants will be notified of the Board's decision after April 1, 2016. The judging will be based on academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, essay, etc. Please adhere as closely as possible to the 500 word essay length; no points will be awarded for special binders, elaborate cover sheets, etc.

Membership Eligibility

To become a member at 1st Ed Credit Union, you must meet one of the following qualifications:

- You are an employee or student at a Pennsylvania School District located in the following counties:
  - Adams
  - Cumberland (*Big Spring, Carlisle, or South Middleton districts only*)
  - Franklin (*Fannett-Metal School District: Employees & Students*)
  - Fulton County
  - York
- You are an employee at one of these Pennsylvania schools:
  - Adams County Head Start
  - Corpus Christi School
  - Cumberland Valley Christian School
  - Franklin County Head Start
  - Fulton County Community Christian School
  - Growing Tree Day Care
  - Institute for Caregiver Education (*Employees & Students*)
  - Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12
  - Mercersburg Academy
  - Montessori Academy of Chambersburg
  - Shalom Christian Academy (*Employees & Students*)
  - St Andrew Catholic School
  - Wilson College (*Employees & Students*)
- You are an employee at one of our partner companies:
  - Boyer & Ritter
  - Central Baptist Chapel
  - Chambersburg Area Council for the Arts
  - Fitzgerald Motors
  - Global Data Consultants
  - Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce
  - Kmart Chambersburg RSC # 8781
  - Leadership Franklin County
  - Manito
  - Rotz & Stonesifer
  - The Butcher Shoppe
  - The Shook Home
- You are the family member of anyone eligible to join. Family members include:
  - Spouse and Children
  - Parents and Siblings
  - Grandparents and Grandchildren
  - Step-Parent/Step-Child/Step-Sibling
  - Adoptive Relationship
  - Aunt, Uncle, Cousin
  - Anyone Living in the Same Household as an Eligible Member

Employees and Volunteers of 1st Ed Credit Union and their immediate families (children, grand children, siblings and “step” of each) are not eligible to apply.

Students

Congratulations! You're taking a step in the right direction. Furthering your education increases the chances of landing your dream job and obtaining lifelong financially stability. The cost of earning a degree can be overwhelming, but well worth it in the end.

1st Ed Credit Union is proud to ease the cost of higher education by offering four $1,500 scholarships to students like you. All you need to do is be a member of 1st Ed and complete this scholarship packet. Not a member yet? Don't worry; all you need is $5 to open a new membership.

Once a member, always a member. No matter if you're going to school near or far you'll always have access to your accounts with 1st Ed. The CO-OP Network has almost 30,000 surcharge-free ATMs nationwide and over 5,000 Shared Branches where you can access your 1st Ed accounts at a different credit union branch. Bank from your dorm with our mobile app and use mobile deposit to quickly deposit any checks you receive. Open your checking account today to set up your accounts before you start the next chapter of your education.

Check out our website (www.1edcu.org) or give us a call (717-264-6506) for more details on membership, checking accounts, the CO-OP Networks, online banking, and our mobile app.

Good Luck!

-1st Ed Credit Union's Scholarship Committee

Parents

Paying for your child's education doesn't have to be a struggle. There are many ways to help your children reach their educational goals without going broke. 1st Ed Credit Union is here to help with the rising costs of higher education.

Make sure your student is a member of 1st Ed; all it takes is $5 to open a membership. Remind them to turn in their scholarship packet by March 1, 2016 to be eligible to win one of four $1,500 scholarships. Look at our student lending options from Student Choice. Use the equity in your home to pay for tuition. We offer home equity loans and home equity lines of credit with low interest rates and long term payback options that can ease the burden of student loans.

Have the funds to help your child through college, but don't want them to have access to a lump sum? Our certificates of deposit earn a higher interest rate than an average savings account and have maturity dates that you can coordinate with tuition due dates.

Help them start their financial life in the right direction by opening a checking account with a debit card. They'll have access to their accounts anytime they need money. We're part of The CO-OP Network that has almost 30,000 surcharge-free ATMs and over 5,000 Shared Branches Nationwide.

Check out our website (www.1edcu.org) or give us a call (717-264-6506) for more details on membership, Student Choice, home equity loans and lines of credit, checking accounts, and the CO-OP Networks.

Good Luck!

-1st Ed Credit Union's Scholarship Committee

Application for 1st Ed CU Scholarship

Any applications that are incomplete will not be considered as an entry for the scholarship.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Academic Information

High School: _____

Name of College You Plan to Attend: _____

List Your Senior-Year Courses

1. _____ 5. _____
2. _____ 6. _____
3. _____ 7. _____
4. _____ 8. _____

High School Honors and Awards

Please list all honors and awards you have received during your high school career. Examples: Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Who's Who, Principal's Awards, Academic Awards, Sports Awards, Eagle Scout Classification, etc.

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____

High School Activities
Please list all activities you have participated in during your high school career.
Examples: sports teams, clubs, band, plays, chorus, yearbook, newspaper, tutoring, etc.

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____

Community Activities and Volunteer Work
Please list all community activities and volunteer work that you have completed during your high school career. Examples: Scouting, Community Service, Religious Youth Groups, Youth Counseling, etc.

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____

Leadership Positions
Please list all leadership positions that you held or were nominated for during your high school career. Examples: Class Officer, Club Officer, Sports Team Leader, Band Chair, etc.

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____

Paid Employment
Please list each job separately with a time frame of how long you were employed.
Examples: All Part-Time Jobs, Baby Sitting, Pet Sitting, Landscaping for Neighbors, etc.

1. _____ 2. _____

1st Ed Scholarship Checklist

- **Completed 1st Ed Scholarship Application Form**

- **High School Transcript**
  A transcript of your high school GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale that is signed by your guidance counselor.

- **Letter of Recommendation**
  Submit one letter of recommendation from a non-family member.
  Examples: School Employee, Coach, Employer, Community Figure, Scout Leader or Religious Figure

- **Signed Photo Release**
  If you are a scholarship recipient, this photo release allows us to use your photo in our newsletter, online, and in print.

- **Essay**
  Your essay must be typed with double line spacing in 12 point Arial font on single-sided pages.

  Topic
  In 500 words minimum, answer the following points:

  a) Your degree of commitment to pursue a college education,
  b) How you are preparing financially to meet that goal, and
  c) How you anticipate making a contribution to society.

Photo Release

Permission to Use Photograph
Event: 1st Ed Credit Union's Scholarship Recipient Presentation
Location: 1st Ed Credit Union's Annual Meeting – April 18, 2016

I grant 1st Ed Credit Union, the right to use photographs of me in the connection with the above event. I authorize 1st Ed Credit Union, the right to use and publish such photographs of me with or without my name, for purposes such as publicity, illustration, advertising, news releases, social media and web content.

I have read and understand the above:

*Signature:*_____

*Print Name:*_____

*Date:*_____

Signature, parent or gardian (if under 18): _____