



Looking Forward! Reaching Higher! **Scholarship Application**

ARC Federal Credit Union will award one \$3,000.00 Looking Forward! Reaching Higher! Scholarship to area high school seniors planning to attend an accredited two-year or four-year institution of higher learning. Award is based on financial need, essay questions, academics, and a personal interview.

Scholarship applications will be accepted from any student with senior standing in Blair or surrounding Counties (including Home School). The applicant, or a parent/guardian of the applicant, must be a member of ARC Federal Credit Union as of the date of the application.

To be considered for a scholarship, a student must submit a completed application. A completed application has several components including:

- 1 Hand-Written in Ink and Legible
- 2 Personal Information
- 3 Academic Information including High School Transcript
- 4 Organizations and Activities (essay question)
- 5 Your Future Plans (essay questions)
- 6 Signatures of the Student, Parent/Guardian, and Guidance Counselor
- 7 Financial Need including Parent/Guardian Tax Returns page 1 and page 2

The applicant MAY include Letters of Recommendation that he/she would like the Scholarship Committee to review. (Letters of recommendation are not required).

Based on the information gathered from the application components, **select candidates will be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee in mid-late March.**

Applications must be returned to:

**Ms. Liesl Kapfhammer
ARC Federal Credit Union
1919 Seventh Avenue
Altoona, PA 16602-2237**

Questions may be referred to Ms. Liesl Kapfhammer, 814-946-0857 Ext. 154.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MARCH 2, 2024



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Personal Information:

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone (____) _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) with whom you live _____

High School _____ Anticipated Year of Graduation _____

Academic Information:

Highest SAT Score: Math _____ Evidence-Based Reading & Writing _____

Highest ACT Score: Math _____ English _____ Reading _____ Science _____

Most recent class rank _____ Total size of your graduating class _____

Most recent cumulative grade point average _____ on a scale of _____

Please have an official copy of your high school transcript forwarded to:

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Organizations, Activities, Work Experience:

Please list any organizations to which you belong, any activities in which you participate, and any work experience you have done in the past three years. Discuss why they are important to you and how they have been influential in your life.

Your Future Plans:

Name of the institution of higher learning you plan to attend. _____

Degree you will be working to attain (Associate, Bachelor, Technical, etc.) _____

Intended Major _____ Intended Career _____

Why do you wish to further your education?

Why did you choose your intended career/major?



Essay Topic:

Please identify three important differences between a credit union and a bank and how these differences make a credit union membership attractive to you. **(You may want to research this question)**

1.

2.

3.

Financial Need

Family Information

Marital status of parent/guardian. Single Married Divorced Separated

Number of family members supported by parent/guardian income. []

Number of family members who will be attending college next year?(Include applicant) []

Number of family members who will attend parochial or private school next year? []

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Please briefly explain your need for financial aid. (If you need more space, please attach another sheet of paper.)

Family Income Verification

A photocopy of pages 1 and 2 of the parent/guardians' last filed income tax return (IRS 1040 or 1040A) should be submitted. Financial need is an important part of our selection process, and any application without family income verification will be rejected. You may be assured that all financial documentation and information will be held in confidence and shredded after the application is processed.

Signatures

I have completed this scholarship application completely and honestly. I certify that the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

I have reviewed the information included in this scholarship application and find that it is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name of Guidance Counselor _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

