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Unitus Community Credit Union Accepting Applications for 2023-24 Scholarship Awards

Unitus to award up to \$27,000 in scholarships to high school seniors who plan to attend college or a vocational-technical school

Portland, Ore., February 21, 2022 – Unitus Community Credit Union is pleased to offer \$3,000 scholarships to assist outstanding student members and child dependents of Unitus employees with the cost of higher education. Since launching the scholarship program in 2004, Unitus has awarded nearly \$240,000 to more than 170 recipients.

2023 applications are open January 3, 2023, through March 30, 2023. Applications will close at 1:00 PM PT/3:00 PM CT. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership, participation in school and community activities, work experience, statement of career and educational goals and objectives, and unusual personal or family circumstances. Financial need is not considered. There is no GPA requirement.

As part of Unitus' commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility, the credit union has updated its Scholarship Program, which includes increasing the award amount from \$2,500 to \$3,000, increasing their number of scholarships from six (6) to nine (9), and designating a portion of the scholarships to first generation students and students of color. Unitus is also excited to introduce the Barbara Leonard Memorial Scholarship into its program, which will be awarded to a Black or African American student who has demonstrated academic potential, high achievement, and leadership.

Student applicants must be a member (primary or joint) of Unitus Community Credit Union whose account is in good standing and has been in service for at least six months at the time of application or a dependent biological, step, or adoptive child; or a biological, step, or adoptive grandchild of a current Unitus employee and a current high school senior who plans to enroll or is enrolled in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.

Up to nine (9) scholarships will be awarded. Each scholarship is a one-time gift of \$3,000 for higher educational purposes. The breakdown of awards is as follows:

- Six (6) General Scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded. High School seniors who are members of Unitus Community Credit Union and meet the eligibility requirements may apply for this scholarship.
- Two (2) Unitus Employees Scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded.
- One (1) Barbara Leonard Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded. This scholarship will be awarded to a Black or African American student who has demonstrated academic potential, high achievement, and leadership.

The Unitus Scholarship Program is administered by Scholarship America, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarships, tuition assistance, and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations, and individuals. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed by Scholarship America. In no instance does any officer or employee of Unitus Community Credit Union play a part in the review or selection.



About Unitus Community Credit Union

At Unitus, we're dedicated to improving lives in the communities we serve. As a member-owned local credit union, we invest in people by doing the right thing. Through partnerships with nonprofit organizations, we provide support for community groups through volunteerism and financial donations. Our 106,000 members count on us to serve them and their communities; our 300+ employees share that passion for service. Learn about the local impact Unitus makes by visiting unitusccu.com.