

Scholarship Information

Unitus Community Credit Union takes pride in supporting the educational goals for our members and their families. In 2019, we will award six \$2,500 scholarships between these three categories:

- **Graduating High School Seniors:** Three scholarships (one academic and two need-based)
- **Undergraduate Students:** Two scholarships (one academic and one need-based)
- **Overall Community Involvement:** One scholarship based on outstanding community service and volunteerism

Eligibility Requirements

- Student applicant must be a primary member (first person named on account) of Unitus Community Credit Union for at least one year prior to application deadline. Accounts must be in good standing. Exceptions may be made if an immediate family member is an existing member and/or student is a joint member.
- Applicant must be enrolled or plan to enroll as a full-time student (12 credits or more per semester/quarter) at an accredited institution (community college, 4-year college, university, or technical/vocational school) for the upcoming academic year.
- Applicant should have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Students, including past scholarship recipients, may reapply each year.

Application Instructions Application, essay and *FASFA on the Web* confirmation page (if applying for need-based) must be received together. Official school transcript(s) can be received separately. We suggest contacting your schools individually to determine how they send transcripts. Often times they are backlogged due to several requests so we suggest contacting them early so they can be mailed by the application deadline.

- **Application and Essay:** Complete the enclosed application and essay question.
- **Transcripts:** Obtain a copy of your most recent official school transcripts (no photocopies) showing the total cumulative GPA. **High School Seniors**– include high school transcript; **College Freshman**– include high school transcript plus current college transcript; **College Sophomores or higher**– include all college transcripts.

Any official school transcript must be received in a sealed envelope in order to be considered.

Please contact us if you foresee official transcripts arriving beyond scholarship deadline.

- **Financial Information:** Include a copy of *FAFSA on the Web* confirmation page showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to be considered for the need-based scholarships.

All materials, including transcript(s), must be addressed to:

Unitus Community Credit Union
Attn: **Scholarship Committee**
P.O. Box 1937
Portland, OR 97207-1937

Postmark deadline April 30, 2019

Basis of Selection

- **Academic Scholarships.** Applicants will be based on academic performance and essay. Volunteer/ community service, honors/awards, and extra-curricular activities will also be considered.
- **Need-Based Scholarships.** Applicants will be based on financial need (as determined by analysis presented in completed FAFSA on the Web confirmation page), academic performance, and essay. Volunteer/community service, honors/awards, and extra-curricular activities will also be considered.

Special Note: The Unitus Community Credit Union Scholarship Committee considers the FAFSA calculated EFC (expected family contribution) as an indication of financial need. All students are encouraged to complete a FAFSA and submit a copy of the web confirmation page along with their application. Students who do not submit a FAFSA web confirmation that includes an EFC will not be considered for the need-based scholarships.

- **Community Involvement Scholarship.** Applicants will be based on outstanding demonstration of volunteer and community service, academic performance and essay. Honors/awards, and extra-curricular activities (freshman/upperclassman) will also be considered.

Award Notification

Scholarship winners will be notified by June 30, 2019; unselected applicants will be notified no later than August 15, 2019. A listing of the recipients along with their bio and photo will also be posted online. Winner will agree that Unitus Community Credit Union may use their name, photo, and biographical material for the purpose of publication, advertisement, and/or announcement across media as deemed appropriate.

Payment

Payments will be made directly to the school upon verified enrollment and registration in August 2019. Failure to maintain full-time status at school will result in the cancellation of the scholarship, and all unused funds will be returned to Unitus Community Credit Union. Each institution's refund policy shall govern the amount returned to the account.

Questions

Please contact Aimee Berg, Community Development Officer, at aberg@unitusccu.com or call 503-423-8346.



Unitus Community Credit Union
2019 Scholarship Application
 Deadline: April 30, 2019

Scholarship consideration (check all that apply): Academic Need-Based Overall Community Involvement

Scholarship Applicant Information

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last):	
Permanent Residence/Street Address:	Apt. #:
City, State, Zip:	
Daytime Phone Number:	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):
Email Address:	

High School Information

School Name:	HS Graduation Date (Month/Year):
City, State:	

Postsecondary School Information

Name of postsecondary school you are currently attending or plan to attend.		State:
Official school name:	City:	
Have you been accepted?	Yes	No
Financial Aid Address:		
What will be your status in the fall:		
Incoming Freshman	Sophomore	Junior Senior
Expected College Graduation Date (MM/YYYY):		
Proposed major or field of study:		
Degree sought :	Bachelor	Associate Junior Certificate Other, explain:

Honors and Awards

List all significant high school and/or college academic honors, awards or major accomplishments you received in the **last three years**. If additional space is needed, you may continue on a separate page that includes your full name.

School/Organization	Academic Honors, Awards, or Major Accomplishments

Extra-Curricular Activities

List your most significant high school and/or college activities in which you have participated during the **last three years** (e.g., student government, sports, music, etc.). If additional space is needed, you may continue on a separate page that includes your full name.

School/Organization	No. of Years Participated	Position/Role	Description of Activity

Volunteer/Community Services

List the community service activities you participated without pay in during the **last three years** (e.g., Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.). If additional space is needed, you may continue on a separate page that includes your full name.

Organization	No. of Years Participated	Approx. Number of Hours Volunteered	Volunteer Activity Description

To be considered for the Overall Community Involvement scholarship, please describe the volunteer work you did and the impact it had on you and your community.

Financial Information: *If you are not applying for the need-based scholarship you may skip this section.*

IMPORTANT: Please include a copy of FAFSA on the Web confirmation page showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to be considered for the need-based scholarships.

Estimated annual expenses (tuition, books, room & board):

Is your tuition based on:	In-state	Out-of-state
Do you plan to live:	On Campus Off Campus- with parent/guardian	Off Campus – in apartment
Are you currently employed?	Yes No	If yes, where?

If yes, approximately how many hours do you work per week?

Financial Hardships: State any special personal or family circumstances (including but not limited to medical or cost of other children currently attending college) affecting your need for financial assistance.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY In 350 to 500 words please address the questions below into the content of your essay. Please type your response on a separate page that includes your name.

- 1) Briefly state your educational and career goals.
- 2) What person or life experience was most influential in your decision to attend college?

Reminder: Please submit the following information on time. All documents must be received together and are essential for consideration of your application. Failure to submit any of these pieces or incomplete submissions will result in disqualification of your application. **Postmark deadline April 30, 2019.**

- 1) **Completed** application.
- 2) **Official Academic transcript(s) in sealed envelope(s).**
- 3) **Copy of FAFSA on the Web confirmation page (need-based applicants only).**
- 4) **Typed scholarship essay response on a separate page that includes your name.**

VERIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that all information provided on this application and all supporting documents are accurate and complete. I understand that any misleading or false information will result in my application being disqualified. If selected as a scholarship winner, I give full consent for the use of my name to be used for promotion and publicity purposes. I understand that the decision of Unitus Community Credit Union's Scholarship Committee is final.

X _____
Applicant Signature

_____ Date