

1st Gateway Credit Union Scholarship Guidelines

1st Gateway Credit Union will award three \$600 scholarships to high school seniors who are credit union members.

- High school seniors who will be graduating by June 2017 and will attend a college or vocational school on a full-time basis in the fall semester 2017. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution.

Alternates will also be chosen for each scholarship in the event the winner of the scholarship loses his/her eligibility.

All scholarship applications, essays and transcripts must be received no later than February 17, 2017. All paperwork can be dropped off at any of our four locations or sent to:

1st Gateway Credit Union
ATTN: 2017 Scholarship Committee
PO Box 110
Camanche, IA 52730

Please note, all application materials will become the sole property of 1st Gateway Credit Union, for use at the credit union's discretion, and will not be returned to the applicant.

If you have any questions, please contact the credit union at (563) 243-4121

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must have been 1st Gateway Credit Union members for at least six months prior to the scholarship entry deadline and *be a member in good standing*. Credit union volunteers, employees and their immediate families are not eligible.

Failure to adhere to application guidelines will result in scholarship disqualification.

The credit union shall actively promote equal opportunity policies and practices conforming to federal and state laws against discrimination, and shall not discriminate in offering scholarship consideration on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or veteran status.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The scholarship winners and alternates will be chosen by a committee comprised of credit union member(s). The winning applicant will demonstrate a balanced combination of:

- Academic achievement
- Strong work ethic (part-time work and/or volunteerism)
- School and community activities
- Written expression (300-500 words)

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Please attach a typed essay of 300-500 words on the following topic:

“In addition to scholarships how do you plan to finance the rest of your education? How can a credit union help you?”

In order to maintain a fair evaluation and selection process, we ask that you do not specifically name any 1st Gateway members in your essay.

