



Partnership
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*Our most important
Partner is you.*

The PFCU Rising Star Scholarship Program

Lifting our members up is at the heart of the PFCU Mission and Vision. Partnership Financial Credit Union and its Board of Directors is proud to have awarded over \$30,000.00 scholarship dollars in 2019. With a cap of up to \$3,000 to each eligible scholarship recipient.

What is the PFCU Rising Star Scholarship Program?

The PFCU Rising Star Scholarship Program is an opportunity for graduating high school seniors to receive financial support in their future academic and/or career-oriented pursuits. (Higher Education, Vocational/Trade School, Cosmetology Institutions or Fine Arts Academies)

What is a PFCU Rising Star?

We have four key traits we look for in a PFCU Rising Star

Passion – Focusing on future, whether it's getting accepted to the school you've always dreamed of or following an alternative career path for something you feel strongly about. We want to know what drives you.

Focus – Displaying a pattern of improvement and growth indicative of future potential for advance education or career opportunities.

Charity – Demonstrating a commitment to community service.

Uniqueness – Participating in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Anything that shows us who you are and makes you stand out.

Scholarships will be awarded based on merit and / or financial need.

Who is eligible for this scholarship opportunity?

1. You and/or your parent/legal guardian must be or become a member of PFCU
2. You must plan to attend an accredited institution / school as stated above and must maintain good standing. *Students at all GPA levels are encouraged to apply

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Your completed application must include the following items:

- An official high school transcript of all completed semesters / quarters
- Three letters of recommendation
 - Two letters from student's teachers
 - One letter from an adult member of your community (other than a relative / neighbor / family friend)
- A personal statement outlining your goals and aspirations (500 Word Minimum)
- The following information in resume format (see appendix for sample)
 - Awards and Special Recognitions
 - Any and all leadership roles
 - Past and present extracurricular activities (i.e. sports, community service, work experience, house of worship).

All applications are due by **March 13th, 2020**. They may be dropped off at any PFCU location or mailed directly to:

Partnership Financial Credit Union
5940 Lincoln Ave
Morton Grove, IL 60053
ATTN: Scholarship Committee

Requirements of Scholarship Funds

- Funds must be used for tuition, books, room or board (or a combination thereof).
- Funds will be paid in two (2) installments, directly to the authorized institution / school.

For additional information, please email us at creditunion@mypfcu.org (For the security of your personal information, **Please DO NOT email your scholarship application**). Recipients will be notified around May 1st 2020.

Thank you for your interest,

PFCU Scholarship Committee

Vanessa J. Calloway, Chair
Howard Bultink
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Confidential PFCU Rising Star Scholarship Application

Section 1:

Name: _____

Parent/Guardian _____

PFCU Account # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: Student Cell: _____ Parent Cell: _____

Email Address: Student: _____ Parent: _____

Date of Birth: _____

(All Applicants, please attach an Official Transcript)

Current GPA is: _____ (unweighted) _____ (weighted) Type of Scale ____/____

Name and Address of the accredited Institution/School you attend/plan to attend:

Have you been accepted? Yes No

Intended Major or Career Goal: _____

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Section 2: Institution / School

Please fill out the information below or attach any necessary FAFSA forms.

What your projected expenses are for the school year:

Tuition/Fees: \$ _____
 Room and Board: + \$ _____
 Books/Materials: + \$ _____
 Total Expenses: = \$ _____

Please specify the percentage of expenses to finance your college education that will come from the following sources:
 (Example: 10% of \$20,000 = \$2,000)

Family Contribution: _____% Work/Study: _____% Student Contribution: _____%

Student Loan: _____% Scholarship/Grant: _____% Social Security Benefits: _____%

Other (Explain) _____

Please review the instructions on page 2 and ensure that all items are included prior to submission

Section 3:

I have truthfully provided all the information on this application to the best of my ability. I understand that, if for any reason, I am placed on an academic probation by the college or university, the remainder of the scholarship funds may be forfeited.

 Signature of Applicant

 Date

 Signature of Parent/Guardian

 Date

APPENDIX

SAMPLE RESUME FORMAT

First Last Name

1234 Main Street, City Name, Illinois

Home: 847-123-4567

Cell: 312-123-4569

Email: Studentx@xmail.com

Education

XYZ High School

GPA: 3.7/4.0

Graduation Date: 06/2019

ACT Score:

AP Class – AP Calc AB

AP Class – AP Govt

Honors - Biology

Honors - English

Awards

National Achievement Scholar

National Honor Society

School Debate Competition Finalist

High School Basketball Team – MVP

Fall 2018

2018

Nov 2017

2017-2018

Leadership

High School Basketball Team – Team Captain

Sports Editor High School Newspaper

School Play – Lead Role

Church Choir – Soloist

Student Council – Vice President

2018-2019

2019

April 2017

2016 - Present

2018

Activities

Basketball

Speech and Debate

Spring Musical

2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

2016, 2017, 2018

2017

Community Service

Feed My Starving Children - 2017

Tutoring – Boys and Girls Club - 2016/2017

2 hours / quarter

100 hours / quarter

Work Experience

McDonalds

Part Time Cashier

9/2018 – Present

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