



The PFCU Rising Star Scholarship Program

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, Trade/Vocational School or Fine Arts Academies).

What is a PFCU Rising Star?

There are four key traits of a PFCU Rising Star.

Passion – Focusing on the future, we want to know what drives you (e.g. 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).

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

Charity – Demonstrating a commitment to community service by sharing your gifts.

Uniqueness – Participating in a variety of extra-curricular activities that show us who you are and what your interests are.

Who is eligible for this scholarship opportunity?

1. You and/or your parent/legal guardian must have established a membership with PFCU on or before 8/1/2020.
2. You must plan to attend an accredited institution/school as stated above and must maintain good standing.
3. Scholarships will be awarded based on merit and/or financial need.
4. Students of all GPA levels are encouraged to apply.

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.

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Morton Grove, IL 60053

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Barrington, IL 60010

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📍 58 E. Northwest Highway
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Evanston Office
📍 2522 Green Bay Road
Evanston, IL 60201

Glenview Office
📍 1631 Waukegan Road
Glenview, IL 60025



Your completed application MUST include the following items:

- An official high school transcript of all completed semesters/quarters
- Two letters of recommendation from student's teacher and/or extracurricular/club sponsors
- A personal statement outlining your goals and aspirations (500 word minimum)
- A resume of your high school experience (see appendix for the sample format)
 - Awards and Special Recognitions
 - Any and all leadership roles
 - Past and present extracurricular activities (e.g. sports, community service, work experience, house of worship, etc.)
 - Any activities and/or experiences that you had planned to engage in or have previously participated in but that were interrupted/cancelled due to Covid-19
- A headshot to be used for promotion
- A 1.5- to 2-minute video elaborating or supporting any part of your application telling us more about you (e.g. an original dance piece, artwork, music, etc.). Please email your video or YouTube link to marketing@mypfcu.org.

All applications are due on or before **March 15th, 2021**. They may be dropped off at any PFCU location or mailed directly to:

Partnership Financial Credit Union
58 E Northwest Highway
Des Plaines, IL 60016
ATTN: Scholarship Committee

For additional information, please email us at creditunion@mypfcu.org.

For the security of your personal information, **DO NOT email your scholarship application.**

Recipients will be notified the week of **May 3rd, 2021**.

Thank you for your interest,

PFCU Scholarship Committee

Vanessa J. Calloway, Chair
Michael Graham
Howard Bultinck
Steve Underwood

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: _____



Section 2: Institution / School

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

What are your projected expenses for the school year? Tuition/Fees: \$ _____

Books/Materials: \$ _____ Room and Board: \$ _____

Other: _____

Specify the amount/percentage of expenses from the following sources to finance your college education.

Family Contribution: _____ Work/Study: _____

Student Contribution: _____ Student Loan: _____

Scholarship/Grant: _____ Social Security Benefits: _____

Other: (Please 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 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: 06/2021

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 2020

2019

Nov 2018

2018-2020

Leadership

High School Basketball Team – Team Captain

Sports Editor High School Newspaper

School Play – Lead Role

Church Choir – Soloist

Student Council – Vice President

2019-2020

2020

April 2018

2019 - Present

2020

Activities

Basketball

Speech and Debate

Spring Musical

2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

2017, 2018, 2019

2019

Community Service

Feed My Starving Children – 2019

Tutoring – Boys and Girls Club – 2018/2019

2 hours / quarter

100 hours / quarter

Work Experience

McDonalds

Part Time Cashier

9/2018