



The PFCU Rising Star Scholarship Program

Lifting our members 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 2021 with a maximum of \$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 in a post-secondary educational institution including Trade/Vocational Schools and 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 [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 your interests.

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 have established a membership with PFCU by 8/1/2021.
2. You must plan to attend an accredited institution / school as stated above and must maintain good standing. ***Students of 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)
- A resume with the following information (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 **Friday March 18, 2022**.

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 the week of **April 22, 2022**.

Thank you for your interest,

PFCU Scholarship Committee

Vanessa J. Calloway, Chair
Patrick Flader
Michael Graham
Mike Vilches

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Confidential PFCU Rising Star Scholarship Application

Section 1: Applicant Information

Applicant # _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian _____

PFCU Account # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: Student Cell: _____ Parent Cell: _____

Email Address: Student: _____
Parent: _____

(All Applicants, please attach an Official Transcript)

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

Submissions:	Official Transcript	Yes _____	No _____
	Resume	Yes _____	No _____
	Personal Statement	Yes _____	No _____
	Photo/Video	Yes _____	No _____
	Letters of Recommendations	Check one: _____1 _____2 _____3	

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Section 2: Applicant Agreement

Applicant # _____

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 post-secondary institution, the remainder of the scholarship funds may be forfeited.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Section 3: Institution/School

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 4: Applicant Resume Applicant # _____

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: *Work/Study*: 10% of \$20,000 = \$2,000)

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

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

Other (Explain) _____

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APPENDIX

SAMPLE RESUME FORMAT

Applicant [Last, First Name]

#_____ [PFCU Only]

Education

XYZ High School
GPA: 3.7/4.0

Graduation Date: 06/2019

Activities

Basketball
Speech and Debate
Spring Musical

2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
2016, 2017, 2018
2017

Awards/Honors

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

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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