



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 are proud to have awarded \$40,750 scholarship dollars in 2023 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 support for 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 – Demonstrating the drive and motivation to work hard to achieve your goal.

Focus – Demonstrating a pattern of improvement and growth indicative of a directed level of concentration and attention to achieving your passion.

Charity – Sharing your time/gifts or donations.

Uniqueness – Participating in a variety of extra-curricular activities that show us not only who you are, but also what makes you different from everyone else.

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 8/01/2023.
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.**



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 resume sample)
 - Awards and special recognitions
 - All leadership roles
 - Past and present extracurricular activities (sports, community service, work experience, house of worship).

All applications are due by **Friday, March 1st, 2024**.

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

Your scholarship application may be submitted 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 and board (or a combination thereof), and the funds will be paid directly to the authorized institution/school.

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

Recipients will be notified **early May, 2024**.

Thank you for your interest,

PFCU Scholarship Committee
Vanessa J. Calloway, Chair
Michael Graham
Bill Porter
Joe Thomas



Confidential PFCU Rising Star Scholarship Application

Section 1: Applicant Information

Applicant # _____ (PFCU only)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

PFCU Account # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Student Cell: _____

Parent Cell: _____

Email Address: _____ Student: _____

Parent: _____

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

Submissions: Official Transcript Yes _____ No _____

Resume Yes _____ No _____

Personal Statement Yes _____ No _____

Letters of Recommendations Check one: 1 2 3



Section 2: Institution/School

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

Have you been accepted? Yes No

Intended Major or Career Goal: _____

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

Projected expenses for the 2024/2025 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) _____



Section 3: Applicant Agreement

Applicant # _____ (PFCU only)

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



APPENDIX

Sample Resume Format

Applicant Name [Last, First]

_____ (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