Undergraduate or Graduate School Scholarship Application
Community First Federal Credit Union

The Community First Federal Credit Union **Undergraduate or Graduate School Scholarship** is only open to undergraduate or graduate students who are members of Community First Federal Credit Union. Community First Staff members may not apply for this scholarship.

DEADLINE: April 1
AVAILABLE TO: Undergraduate or graduate students who are members of Community First Federal Credit Union. Community First staff members may not apply for this scholarship.
AMOUNT: $500.00 x 1 Scholarship

Community First Federal Credit Union Honorary Community Service Scholarship: All Community First scholarship applicants are eligible for the $1,000 Honorary Community Service Scholarship. The scholarship committee will choose the top scholarship applicant who exemplifies outstanding community volunteerism and involvement.

Scholarship Criteria and Guidelines

- The **Undergraduate or Graduate School Scholarship** is available to the following students:
  - College undergraduates or graduate school students who are members or have family who are members of Community First Federal Credit Union. The student or family member must officially reside in the CFFCU field of membership area.
  - College undergraduate students and graduate students who are attending a community college or university.
- Student grade point average requirement is 3.0 or above.
- Preference will be given to those students that can show participation in community events, volunteerism, and involvement in their community.
- Scholarship payment will be made to the scholarship winner after completion of the first semester of college or trade school and upon proof of matriculation for the second semester. Applicants may be attending a community college, university undergraduate or graduate program.
- Application materials will be placed on the Community First Website and in each of the Community First Branches.
- The Community First Scholarship must be used within 12 months of being received.
- Completed application, transcript, and two letters of recommendation may be submitted in the following ways:
  - Completed on the Community First website through the e-form.
  - Dropped off at any branch location: Lakeview, Howard City, Trufant, or Morley.
  - Mail completed scholarship application and materials to:
    Community First Federal Credit Union
    Attn: Scholarship Committee
    9637 N. Greenville Road
    Lakeview, MI 48850

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Student Full Name: _____

Student Home Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Person with Membership at CFFCU: _____

Your Relationship with that Person: _____

Name and Address of Your College/University: _____

List Scholastic Honors and/or School Offices that you Have Earned During College (Include a separate paper if needed):

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What is Your Current Grade Point Average? _____

State the school or vocational program you are attending, your planned major course of study, and your future occupational goal:

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On a separate paper, write a 500-word or less response explaining why you would benefit from this Community First scholarship opportunity.

*Include two letters of recommendation from a non-family member and who knows you well. They need to discuss your strengths and your areas for improvement.
*Include your official college transcript.
*Include your 500-word or less written response.

Community Service and Volunteerism

Community First Federal Credit Union highly values supporting our communities not only through financial means, but also through employee volunteerism and community involvement. We want to make a positive difference with local events, groups, schools, and community members.

Under each of the following community involvement categories, list your current and past volunteer/community services and the year you participated.

Basic Needs Events (Involvement in community food, shelter, clothes needs, etc.)

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

Civil Service Volunteerism (Involvement in road clean-up, lawn care, etc.)

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

Church Volunteerism (Involvement in Sunday School, maintenance, etc.)

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

Health Care Volunteerism (Involvement in blood drives, elderly services, health fundraisers, etc.)

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

Local Communities (Involvement in festivals, fundraisers, etc.)

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

School Volunteerism (Involvement in tutoring, can drives, reading programs, etc.)

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

Youth Programs (Involvement in sports programs, 4H, reading, etc.)

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

Other areas of volunteerism and reach out events

_____ Year: _____

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If you become a CFFCU scholarship recipient, we would like to post pictures of you receiving your scholarship. Please read and sign the following photo release form. If you are under 18, your parents or guardians will also need to sign.

Publicity and Photograph Release

Permission is hereby granted for Community First Federal Credit Union (CFFCU) to use your photo for publicity (all print and electronic media) purposes. CFFCU has my permission to use my photograph and /or any written and/or visual expression of my personal experiences with CFFCU.

I waive all claims for any compensation and/or damages, and I do not hold liable CFFCU or any individuals who work for the organization, for any such use of above described photographs and/or materials, written and/or verbal.

Signature: _____

Name of person to be publicly featured.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian if the person to be publicly featured is less than 18 years of age.

Printed Name: _____