



HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Award

The Directions Credit Union High School Scholarship consists of three, one time, \$1,000.00 scholarships that will be awarded to students in the ninth to twelfth grade. The scholarship will be paid directly to the student's school of choice and applied to the following school year tuition.

Eligibility

The applicant (student) must be:

- A member of Directions Credit Union or have a parent or grandparent that is a member.
- In grades eight through eleven and who attend (or will attend) a private four-year accredited High School. (This is not open to students who are homeschooled.)

All Directions Credit Union employees, board members, and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.

Selection

Financial need is not a criterion. Your eligibility will not be affected by other grants or financial assistance that you may receive. The Directions Credit Union Scholarship Program reviews applications. All decisions shall be final. Selection criteria include applicants' academic achievements, demonstration of school leadership and participation, the performance of community/church service, employment opportunities, and quality of the completed essay.

A total of 100 points can be awarded to the applicant with a possible total of 60 points for the essay, a possible total of 25 points for academic achievement, and a possible total of 15 points for extra-curricular/community service.

Requirements

1. **Students must complete a Directions Credit Union application, which can be obtained online at www.directionscu.org. The application must be completed and returned by email to nsoldner@directionscu.org or dropped off at any office of Directions Credit Union by March 7, 2021.** Winners will be notified in May 2021. Winners will have a week after they have been notified to claim their scholarship. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit of scholarship, and another winner will be selected.
2. Submit proof of current GPA or report card for verification of academic achievement. For those students who receive a grade point average, you must have at least a 2.5 GPA, and for those who receive "letter" grades, you must have at least a "C" average to apply. Report card or proof of current GPA must be submitted in either a PDF (.pdf) or Microsoft Word (.doc) file format. All other file format types will not be accepted.
3. A completed essay from the student addressing the question asked on the application. Essay requirements are as follows:
 - Essays must be typed and double spaced.
 - The font size must be no larger than 12pt font.
 - A maximum of 300 words or two pages double spaced.
 - You must submit your essay in either a PDF (.pdf) or Microsoft Word (.doc) file format. All other file format types will not be accepted.
4. All requirements must be met for the application to be eligible for review.

All applicants will receive consideration for the Scholarship without regard to sex, color, national origin or ancestry, religion, or handicap.