
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

▪ **The Award**

The Ontario Shores Federal Credit Union scholarship is an award of \$500 to be paid directly to the student after one successfully completed college semester.

▪ **Eligibility**

- Applicant must be a college bound high school senior at the time of application.
- Applicant is attending college for the first time in the fall of 2018.
- Applicant will be enrolled in either a two- or four-year accredited educational institution.
- Applicant agrees to use any scholarship funds awarded by January 31, 2019, at an accredited educational institution only.

▪ **Application Process**

To apply, all applicants must complete the attached scholarship application form. Applicants should type or print clearly, and use only the space provided on this form to answer the questions. Other than specified below, no attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind should be submitted or used to answer the questions.

√ Check each box after completion

1. The completed, signed application must be submitted together with:

____ A high school transcript documenting students' GPA for a minimum of grades 9-11;
____ An SAT/PSAT/ACT transcript (obtained through the high school guidance office); and
____ A typed essay response.

2. The applicant and his/her parent or guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization on the back page of this application.
3. The application, transcript and essay must be returned by the application deadline. If any portion is incomplete or not included, the application will not be considered.

▪ **Selection Process**

Judging will be based on both subjective criteria and weighted, objective criteria. These include academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, the essay, etc.

▪ **Application Deadline**

All applications must be returned to the credit union no later than **Friday, January 5, 2018.**

▪ **Scholarship Applicant Information**

Applicant will not be considered unless all information is **completed in full on this form only** and all requested documentation is provided.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number () _____ Email _____

High School _____ Anticipated Graduation Date ____/____/____

Name of Institution You Plan To Attend _____

High School Honors and Awards:

(Please list honors and awards and grade(s) of participation. Use this space only.)

Examples: honor roll, National Honor Society, Who's Who, Principal's awards, science fair awards, college book awards, student/athlete awards, Empire State Games team, Eagle Scout classification.

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High School Activities:

(Please list high school activities and grade(s) of participation. Use this space only.)

Examples: sports teams, clubs, band, drama, choral, orchestra, yearbook/school newspaper, MathCounts, LifeSmarts, tutoring.

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Community Activities and Volunteer Work:

(Please list community activities and volunteer work and grade(s) of participation. Use this space only.)

Examples: scouting, community service projects, community volunteerism, religious youth groups, youth counseling.

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Leadership Positions Held (elected or appointed):

(Please list leadership positions held and the grade(s) of participation. Use this space only.)

Examples: class officer, club officer, sports team leader, scouting leader, student government officer, music/orchestra 1st chair.

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▪ **Essay**

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following question. Your response should be typed, between 300 - 500 words, and include your full name in the top right corner. Points will be deducted if responses are not typed. Please be sure to cite all sources. If any portion of the essay is plagiarized, the application will be disqualified. Also, please be sure that you have answered each of the components in the essay.

Question:

Credit Unions are not-for-profit, financial cooperatives that exist to serve members, not generate profit. “People helping people” is the philosophical foundation of these institutions. What do you see as the value of this foundation? Please explain.

In addition:

- what makes your credit union different than a for-profit financial institution;
- how does your credit union demonstrate credit union’s “people helping people” philosophy; and
- if you ran your credit union, what is one initiative/program you would implement?

▪ **Certification and Release Authorization**

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for scholarship awards:

- *I certify this information is true, complete and accurate.*
- *I authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application.*
- *I agree to use any scholarship funds awarded at an accredited educational institution by January 31, 2019.*
- *I authorize the New York State Credit Union Association and Ontario Shores Federal Credit Union to publish my child's name and/or photo for the use of promotional materials, news releases and/or social media.*

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____