

1ST Gateway Credit Union Scholarship Guidelines

1ST Gateway Credit Union will award three \$600 scholarships to high school seniors who are credit union members.

- High school seniors who will be graduating by June 2012 and will attend a college or vocational school on a full-time basis in the fall semester 2012. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution.

Alternates will also be chosen for each scholarship in the event the winner of the scholarship loses his/her eligibility.

All scholarship applications, essays and transcripts must be received no later than March 16, 2012. All paperwork can be dropped off at any of our 4 locations or sent to :

1ST Gateway Credit Union
Attn: 2012 Scholarship Committee
PO Box 110
Camanche, IA 52730

Please note, all application materials will become the sole property of 1ST Gateway Credit Union, for use at the credit union's discretion, and will not be returned to the applicant.

If you have any questions, please contact the credit union at (563) 243-4121.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must have been 1ST Gateway Credit Union members for at least six months prior to the scholarship entry deadline and *be a member in good standing*. Credit union volunteers, employees and their immediate families are not eligible.

Failure to adhere to application guidelines or rules of eligibility will result in scholarship disqualification.

The credit union shall actively promote equal opportunity policies and practices conforming to federal and state laws against discrimination, and shall not discriminate in offering scholarship consideration on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or veteran status.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The scholarship winners and alternates will be chosen by a committee comprised of credit union member(s). The winning applicant will demonstrate a balanced combination of:

- **Academic achievement**
- **Strong work ethic** (part-time work and/or volunteerism)
- **School and community activities**
- **Written expression** (300-500 words)

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Please attach a typed essay of 300-500 words on the following topic:

"Member ownership, volunteer leadership and excellent personal service set credit unions apart from other financial institutions. Which of these three distinctions do you feel is the most important and why?"

In order to maintain a fair evaluation and selection process, we ask that you do not specifically name any 1ST Gateway members in your essay.

High School Scholarship Application

Student Name		
Home Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone No.		
Birth Date	Social Security No.	
Parent/Guardian Full Name		
Account Number		
Name of High School		
High School Cumulative GPA _____ on a _____ point scale. (Must include copy of transcripts to qualify)		
Intended College/University/Voc-Tech		

Extra-Curricular Activities

How do you spend time outside of the classroom? Please list all work experience, school activities and/or community involvement. Include the approximate number of hours per month you spend doing each activity and a brief explanation of how you participated. You may attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

Activity	Hours/Month	Duties/Responsibilities	School Year			
			9	10	11	12