



TO: Scholarship Applicant

FROM: Jennifer Higgs, Scholarship Committee

RE: 2022 Countryside FCU Scholarship Program

Announcement

Are you planning to pursue further education or training after high school graduation in 2022?

Education is an excellent investment in your future and through our Linda Bray Memorial Scholarship Program, Countryside FCU offers three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to help invest in your future.

Here are a few “fast facts” about eligibility for this scholarship program. We encourage those interested to carefully review this and the attached information and we welcome applications from those who meet the eligibility requirements:

- Applicants must be members of Countryside Federal Credit Union for a minimum of six months prior to the date the application is completed.
- Applicants must be primary member on the account.
- Applicants must plan to be enrolled full-time in the fall of 2022 at a trade, technical, vocational, two-year, or four-year college or university.

Countryside FCU recognizes the importance and value of apprenticeships and other vocational/career programs. Those choosing to pursue a formalized course of study in the trades (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, masonry, automotive technology), in manufacturing technology, truck driving, heavy equipment operations, massage therapy, or other recognized, certificate programs are also welcomed to apply for this scholarship. Please review the eligibility criteria in the attached information for further details.

I am pleased to hear from anyone who has questions about the program or their eligibility, so please feel free to call me at 315-445-2300 extension at 320 or write to me at jhiggs@countryside.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Membership is open to persons who live, work, worship, or attend school in, and businesses and other legal entities located in Onondaga County, New York. Membership is also open to family members regardless of their affiliation within Onondaga County.



2022 *Linda Bray Memorial* Scholarship Program

The Award

Countryside Federal Credit Union will be awarding three \$1,000 scholarships to be paid directly to the member/student **and** the chosen educational institution.

Eligibility

The **applicant must** be a member in good standing of Countryside Federal Credit Union. The member **must** be a high school senior at the time of application. Applicants are eligible for a “**one-time only**” scholarship award. Student **must** have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of a “C” or better. Scholarship funds **must** be used: (1) for tuition, (2) only at an approved accredited educational institution, and (3) by January 31, 2023. ***The check will be made payable to the Student AND the Educational Institution.***

Application Process

Eligible members **must** complete this scholarship application. A member may submit only one application.

1. Completed and **Signed** application **must** be submitted with:
 - An official high school transcript.
 - Two written references from any combination of the following:
 - Guidance counselor
 - High School Teacher
 - Director of an extracurricular activity in which the student is a participant.
 - Response to essay question.
2. The applicant and his/her parent or guardian **must** sign the Certification and Release Authorization.
3. The application, transcript, essay, and references must be received by the Credit Union no later than the **May 20, 2022, deadline.**
4. Failure to follow all instructions could cause disqualification.

Selection Process

Judging will be based on the essay, academic performance, extracurricular/community involvement, references, and personal goals; and will be in the sole discretion of Countryside Federal Credit Union.

Application Deadline

The application **must** be received by the credit union no later than **FRIDAY, May 20, 2022**, along with the transcript, essay, and references. ***Incomplete applications, applications from a non-member or those received in our office after May 20, 2022, will be disqualified.***

Scholarship Application Information

All information **must** be completed in full. Please type or print clearly and answer the following questions completely. Attach additional sheet(s) *if necessary*.

Your account number at Countryside FCU Account # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ Email Address: _____

High School: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Name of Accredited Educational Institution you plan to attend: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Please list all civic and scholastic honors:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please list all extracurricular/work/community service activities you have participated in:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please list all leadership positions held (elected or appointed):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please list your education and career goals:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please list any current or former jobs you have held and the dates of employment:

Essay Information

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following question. Your response should be 200 - 250 words. Please type your responses—points will be deducted if responses are not typed.

QUESTION: Research continues to show if students receive financial education early in life, they will become more successful. How will being financially literate help you achieve your individual dreams?

Certification and Release Authorization

I certify this information is true, complete, and accurate.

I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application.

✓

Student Signature

✓

Date

✓

Parent/Guardian Signature

✓

Date

Completed application and required documents must be sent to:

Regular or Priority Mail:
Countryside Federal Credit Union
Scholarship Committee
5720 Commons Park Drive
East Syracuse, NY 13057

Have You Enclosed All of The Following?

- 1. Completed and Signed application.
- 2. Two written references from any combination of the following:
 - Guidance Counselor
 - High school teacher
 - Director of extracurricular activity you participate in
- 3. Official high school transcript.
- 4. Response to essay question

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