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Credit Union: GPO Federal Credit Union Credit Union verification code: 2021-044



TO: All Scholarship Applicants
FROM: Jessica MacIntosh, marketing communications coordinator
DATE: October 14, 2020
RE: GPO FCU and NYCUA Scholarship Program

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The Award

The New York Credit Union Association's scholarship is an award ranging from \$250 to \$1,500 to be paid jointly to the student and educational institution. In addition, members will be eligible to win either a \$1,000, \$500, or \$300 scholarship awarded through GPO Federal Credit Union.

Eligibility

The applicant must be GPO Federal Credit Union member in good standing and meet **all** of the following criteria:

- The member must be a college bound high school senior at the time of application
- The member will be attending college for the first time in the fall of 2021.
- The member will be enrolled in either a two- or four-year accredited educational institution.
- The member agrees to use any scholarship funds awarded only at an accredited educational institution by January 31, 2022.

1. Complete the attached scholarship application form. Applicants should type or print clearly, and use **only the space provided on the form** to answer the questions. **Other than specified on the application form, no attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind should be used to answer the questions or be submitted.** If the applicant is a member of more than one credit union and submits an application from both, only one application will be scored for a state level award. Both applications will be considered for any credit union level awards that may be available.
2. You and your parent or guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization on the back page of the application.
3. Submit your application directly to GPO Federal Credit Union, by email at marketing@gpofcu.com or online at gpofcu.com (as three separate PDFs or Word documents) before January 5, 2021, along with:
 - ____ A high school transcript documenting your GPA for grades 9 through 11.
 - ____ An SAT/PSAT/ACT transcript (obtained through the high school guidance office). If you were unable to take either the SAT, PSAT or ACT due to COVID-19 restrictions, you can still submit your application.
 - ____ A typed, essay response.

If any portion is incomplete or not included, the application will not be considered.

4. **SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:** You must be a member in good standing at GPO. If you are not a member of GPO, please visit your nearest branch to join. We have convenient locations in New Hartford, Downtown Utica, South Utica, Barneveld, Oneida, Ilion and Dolgeville.

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. Winner notification will be sent in the Spring of 2021.

Good luck and we look forward to receiving your scholarship application!

For more information, contact Jessica MacIntosh, marketing communications coordinator: (315) 724-1654, ext. 2927 or jmacintosh@gpofcu.com

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■ **Application Deadline**

Applications must be submitted to GPO Federal Credit Union no later than **Tuesday, January 5, 2021.**

■ **Scholarship Applicant Information**

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

Please use only the space provided on this form to answer the questions. Do not use any attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind to answer the questions. Please do not include letters of recommendation. Winners will be notified by your credit union in May.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

High School _____ Anticipated Graduation Date ____ / ____ / ____

Name of College 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, Girl Scouts Gold award.

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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, band/orchestra 1st chair.*

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■ Essay

Please respond to the following questions in a comprehensive essay. Your response should be between 300–500 words. Please be sure to cite all sources. **If any portion of the essay is plagiarized, the entire application will be disqualified.** Also, please ensure that you have answered each of the components of the essay. Personal narratives or other unrelated essays will not be eligible for credit.

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 new initiative/program you would implement?

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■ Certification and Release Authorization

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship award.

- *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, 2022.*
- *I authorize the New York Credit Union Association and _____ GPO Federal Credit Union
to publish my child's name and/or photo for the use of _____
promotional materials, news releases and/or social media. Credit Union Name*

Member Signature (Student) _____ **Date** ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** ____/____/____



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