



Orange County's Credit Union Scholarship Program

Program Overview

Orange County's Credit Union is "*With you all the Way.*" As such, we're pleased to offer our Annual Scholarship Program to provide our young Members who have earned good grades and committed themselves to giving back to our community with funds for their continuing education.

We're offering the 2017 Orange County's Credit Union Scholarship Program in keeping with our philosophy of giving back to Members and the communities in which we serve. Our commitment to the young leaders in our communities demonstrates a firm belief in their ability to pursue their life's desires and dreams.

Awards

Four (4) \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded to four (4) students for their accredited educational institution or trade school.

Eligibility

The applicant must:

- Be a Member of Orange County's Credit Union in good standing (new Pacific Members are welcome to apply).
- Be enrolled as a high school senior or college student at the time of application.
- Scholarship funds will be disbursed to the Member/student, when evidence of enrollment in a college, university, or trade school is presented.
- If selected as a finalist, the applicant may be required to participate in a personal interview.
- Selections will be determined by the scholarship committee of Orange County's Credit Union.
- If the first choice candidate does not accept the scholarship or does not continue to meet the eligibility requirements, a second candidate will be awarded the scholarship.
- Scholarship application must be received by the deadline of Friday May 19, 2017.

Associates of Orange County's Credit Union, directors, volunteers, and their immediate family members are ineligible to participate.



Application Process

Eligible Members may submit a scholarship application packet and required documents:

Orange County's Credit Union
Scholarship Program
ATTN: Community Education and Development Dept.
1701 E. St. Andrew Place
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Application deadline is Friday, May 19, 2017.

Selection Process

Judging will be based upon subjective criteria including essays, weighted objective criteria, academic performance, extracurricular and community activities, references, and personal goals. All scholarship winners will be notified by June 9, 2017. Those selected must appear in person to receive their scholarship and appear in a photo. If any winner fails to attend their predetermined meeting, another winner will be selected in his or her place.

Scholarship Committee will consist of three (3) or more General Management Team members.

Finalists with recommendations and scorecards will be submitted to the Senior Management Team for winner selections.



2017 Scholarship Program – Checklist of Requirements

This checklist and all items on this checklist must be submitted and postmarked no later than Friday, May 19, 2017. Scholarship Program applicants must submit the completed package to the attention of the Community Education and Development Dept., 1701 E. St. Andrew Place, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

1. _____ Scholarship Application Information (Page 2)

This section must be completed by the applicant.

2. _____ Applicant Verification (Page 3)

This section must be signed by a guidance counselor and Credit Union official to verify eligibility.

3. _____ Teacher Reference (Page 4)

This section must be completed and signed by one of the applicant's teachers.

4. _____ Scholarship Essay Information

Two (2) completed essays typed on separate pieces of paper must include applicant name and be approximately 350 words each.

5. _____ Certification and Release Authorization (Page 5)

This section must be signed and dated by both applicant and parent/guardian.

6. _____ Current Transcript

Official high school transcripts containing straight, not weighted, cumulative numeric grade points as of the end of the second marking period of the 12th grade. If school does not use this system, please ask guidance counselor to provide this format of transcript.

7. _____ SAT/ACT Transcript

SAT/ACT Transcripts must be provided through guidance office.

8. _____ Separate Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation must be provided from a current teacher.



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2017 Scholarship Program - Applicant Information

Applicant will not be considered unless all information is completed and requested documentation is provided. Answer the following questions by typing or printing clearly. Add additional pages if more room is necessary.

Student's Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

E-mail Address

High School

Anticipated Graduation Date

Name of College, University, or Trade School you're currently attending or plan to attend:

Honors and Awards by year:

Leadership Positions Held by Year (Elected or Appointed):

Curricular and Extracurricular Activities by Year:

Community Service Activities, Employment by Year (10+ hours/week):



2017 Scholarship Program - Applicant Verification

Applicant will not be considered unless all information is completed and requested documentation is provided.

Application Verification

For Guidance Counselors Only:

I hereby certify that this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Guidance Counselor Name

Signature

Phone Number

Date

For Credit Union Use Only:

I hereby certify that the following applicant is an Orange County's Credit Union Member in good standing.

Associate Name

Signature

Date



2017 Scholarship Program - Teacher Reference

Student's Name _____

Date _____

Dear Teacher,

The above named student is applying for a Scholarship through Orange County's Credit Union. Each applicant must submit a recommendation from a teacher. Please complete the questionnaire below and add any applicable comments. If this application is not completed and signed, the applicant will not be considered for the scholarship. The student must return the material to the Credit Union by May 19, 2017. Thank you for your support of the scholarship applicant.

1. Participation in Discussion (Self-initiated)

- ☐ Always involved, often initiates discussion
- ☐ Usually participates
- ☐ Often participates
- ☐ Occasionally participates
- ☐ Seldom participates
- ☐ Not applicable

2. Involvement in Classroom Activities

- ☐ Very high in all activities
- ☐ Active, usually shows genuine interest
- ☐ Mild, politely attentive
- ☐ Distracted, does other things during class
- ☐ No Involvement

3. Pursuit of Independent Study

- ☐ Considerable study and major project(s)
- ☐ Considerable study or major project(s)
- ☐ Some study and minor project(s)
- ☐ Some study or minor project(s)
- ☐ No evidence of independent study

4. Academic Performance

- ☐ Consistent, varies no more than one mark
- ☐ Occasionally varies more than one mark
- ☐ Uneven, often varies two marks
- ☐ Erratic, performance fluctuates greatly

5. Critical and Questioning Attitude

- ☐ Often challenges
- ☐ Sometimes challenges
- ☐ Occasionally challenges
- ☐ Rarely challenges
- ☐ Not applicable

6. Depth of Understanding

- ☐ Excellent insight
- ☐ Good understanding
- ☐ Some insight
- ☐ Little insight
- ☐ Poor understanding
- ☐ Not applicable

7. Personal Responsibility

- ☐ Always accepts fully
- ☐ Usually accepts fully
- ☐ Partially accepts
- ☐ Sometimes refuses
- ☐ Often refuses

8. Consideration of Others

- ☐ Always considerate of others' rights
- ☐ Usually considerate
- ☐ Little evidence of consideration
- ☐ Sometimes inconsiderate
- ☐ Often inconsiderate



Please Comment (Use additional sheet if necessary):

Teacher Signature

Subject

Date



2017 Scholarship Program - Scholarship Essay Information

It's required that you complete TWO (2) essay questions to be considered for a scholarship. Each essay answer must be typed and approximately 350 words in length.

Essay Questions:

Submit your essays on separate pieces of paper. Be sure to include your name on each essay. Answer two (2) of the following essay questions:

1. Credit unions depend upon a strong sense of community and service. How will you apply these ideals during your upcoming college years?
2. Discuss your career goals and how you plan to achieve them. What obstacles will you have to overcome?
3. How will you use the products and services of Orange County's Credit Union to budget during college?
4. As a college student you'll be offered several credit cards, student loans, grants, or other college funding services. Which of these opportunities will you take advantage of; which will you avoid; and why?



Certification and Release Authorization

The information below must be completed before the applicant can be considered for a scholarship.

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize the release of this information to confirm/verify this application.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Scholarship Committee Application Scorecard

Instructions

Each applicant has already been prescreened by staff to ensure they have met the scholarship criteria and are eligible for consideration. Carefully review each student's application, letters of recommendation, and personal essays.

Complete an "Application Scorecard" for each individual candidate using the point rating scale below for each given category on the scorecard. Then, total the points of all category ratings for a final score.

Return all application scorecards to Leticia Mata, Orange County's Credit Union Scholarship Committee Chair, via e-mail, mail, or fax by June 2, 2017. Questions: Call Leticia at (888) 354-6228 ext. 7440 or e-mail lmata@orangecountyscu.org.

Scholarship Application Scorecard

0 points = None/Not Applicable

1 point = Fair

2 points = Good

3 points = Excellent

Student Name _____ Name of School _____

APPLICATION CATERGORY	RATING/POINTS
1) Academic Performance (ex: G.P.A.)	
2) Community Service	
3) Letters of Recommendation	
4) Personal Essay	
TOTAL SCORE	

Date _____ Scholarship Committee Member _____
Phone Number _____ e-Mail Address _____