

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Each year Pioneer West Virginia Federal Credit Union (PWVFCU) extends an invitation for high school seniors and college students to enter for a chance to win a \$1,000.00 scholarship toward school tuition. PWVFCU offers \$5,000.00 worth of scholarship monies; therefore, only five (5) applicants will successfully complete the process and win the available monies.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1.) The student and/or their parent or legal guardian must be a member in good standing at PWVFCU
- 2.) Applicant must be a graduating high school senior, or a college student (rising freshman, sophomore, junior or senior) at a college or university for the 2018-2019 school years.
- 3.) Applicant must have a minimum of 2.75 cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale.
- 4.) PWVFCU employees, directors, and their immediate families are not eligible.

Information Submission:

A panel consisting of 3-4 Board Members will be selected to serve as judges to review/score the following information submitted by the applicants: application, essay, transcript of grades.

1. Application. The application must be legible (either hand written or typed), and all areas of the application must be fully completed (no blank sections). Important parts of the application which will be given weight are *work experience, community involvement, awards/honors received, and extra training received*. Up to three Letters of Recommendation may be submitted on behalf of the student.
2. Essay. Students selected as the five finalists are chosen for a variety of reasons. Typically, their essay submissions excel in the following writing components:
 - a. Original voice
 - b. Unique style
 - c. Understanding of PWVFCU
 - d. Fresh point of view
 - e. Creativity
 - f. Descriptive language
 - g. Good diction
 - h. Interesting ideas
 - i. Valuable content and/or research incorporated into the essay
 - j. Clear presentation of the topic
 - k. Peer impact
 - l. Spelling/Grammar/Mechanics/Word Count
 - m. Strong writing and analysis skills
3. Transcript of Grades. An official high school or college transcript for the most recently completed semester showing the total cumulative GPA. The transcript will be carefully reviewed in order to determine the Grade Point Average (GPA) of the applicant, and the types of courses taken.

Deadline:

All required information must be received by PWVFCU by the close of business Monday, **April 23, 2018**. Scholarship applications will not be considered unless all required information is received by the deadline above. PWVFCU will not be responsible for lost, delayed, or misdirected mail. Faxes will not be accepted.

Scholarship Award Process:

Scholarship recipients will be contacted by phone on **Monday, May 21, 2018**. This will give you time to make arrangements to be at our Annual Meeting to receive your award on Friday, June 1, 2018.

Please Note: Due to the increasing amount of applications we receive; only scholarship recipients will receive a phone call.

The scholarships are awarded as a one-time disbursement (non-transferrable) to each recipient. Funds are paid by Pioneer WV Federal Credit Union's Scholarship Fund directly to the school of the recipient's choice upon evidence of full time enrollment.

Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Bradley at (304) 340-7030 or by email: sbradley@pioneerwv.org



APPLICANT DATA

Name (First/Middle/Last) _____ Member Number _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Name of High School _____ Graduation Date: _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Name of High School Principal _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Name of School you plan to attend _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Intended field of study _____

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievement/Honor	Year

WORK EXPERIENCE

Name of Organization/Company	Position Held	Dates Held	Avg. Hours per Week

COMMUNITY SERVICE, VOLUNTEER WORK, or EXTRA-CURRICULAR

List all school and community activities in which you have participated during the past four years (i.e. student government, clubs, music, sports, church work, volunteer work). Please attach an additional page if needed.

Activity	# of Yrs	Honors	Offices Held

Please provide any personal or family circumstances affecting your school and community activities, work experience or achievement in school.

ESSAY

As a local credit union, we pride ourselves on understanding our members and working *personally* with them through their financial life, which can take on many turns. However, we aren't oblivious to the fact that technology is ever changing and the way consumers choose to engage with their banking institutions change. How do you see technology changing the way you do your banking with us? What do you expect of your financial institution? Is it technology? 24/7 access? convenience? advice? Is it more than a transactional relationship? What type of products do you see benefiting you?

Your insight helps us to keep in tune with what members need and want for generations to come. We look forward to hearing your thoughts!