



2015
Scholarship
Application



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RBCU Scholarship Program

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the 2015 RBCU Scholarship Program. Scholarships are judged in three divisions: Freshmen, Post-Secondary Students, and Non-Traditional Students. Enclosed is the information and materials needed to apply. Please read your application materials thoroughly and submit all requested items to the credit union by **12:00 P.M. on Monday, March 2, 2015**. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified.

Scholarship applicants must be primary members on an account at RBCU to be eligible for the scholarship awards. Being a joint owner on an account or simply qualifying for membership at RBCU is not sufficient. If you need a membership packet or have any questions about joining RBCU or about the scholarship program, stop by any RBCU office; or call Toni Gerard at (612) 798-7102.

Sincerely,

Toni Gerard
Community/Business Development Manager

Application Procedure

Eligibility

- A. **Applicant must be a primary member “in good standing” at RBCU or meet the membership eligibility requirements and join the credit union before submitting a scholarship application.**
- B. Applicant must be planning to attend or already be enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited non-profit school, a public or private college, university, community college, or technical college. Awards will be disbursed in August 2015 payable to the winner and the school he/she is planning to attend. Both traditional and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.
- C. Anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Richfield, Bloomington, or Edina is eligible to join RBCU. Additionally, membership is open to the family members of existing RBCU members. For more information about joining RBCU, please visit our website www.rbcu.org, or call us at (612) 798-7100.

Awards

- A. Seven separate awards of \$1,000 will be given, divided among three divisions:
 - Incoming freshmen who are members of a 2015 high school class;
 - Post-secondary students already attending college; and
 - Non-traditional students who are returning to college after time away from school.
- B. Winners will be notified by phone before April 15, 2015. Winners will be invited to attend the RBCU Annual Meeting in April 2015, for a ceremonial award presentation. We will announce the winners to the entire membership at the Annual Meeting and in our summer newsletter.
- C. Non-winners will not be notified.

Application Requirements

- A. Applicants must submit:
 - An original signed application (**with the student's RBCU member number**) including the essay portion on a separate sheet.
 - A typed résumé on a separate sheet listing honors, awards, recognitions, and achievements; co-curricular activities; and volunteer experiences.
 - ACT or SAT test scores validated by the high school or testing agency.
 - An official high school/college transcript with GPA from the end of the most recent school year. (Due to the increased availability of grades through the Internet, only official, certified transcripts will be accepted. Transcripts may be mailed directly to RBCU, Attention: Jake Ainslie at the address listed below. Transcripts and all other materials must be received prior to the deadline to be considered a complete application.)
 - One letter of recommendation.
- B. Completed applications must be received at RBCU no later than 12:00 P.M. on Monday, March 2, 2015. Entries must be sent to: RBCU, Attn: Toni Gerard, Scholarship Program Administrator, 345 East 77th Street, Richfield, MN 55423. Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- C. Previous RBCU Scholarship Award winners and employees of RBCU are not eligible for the scholarship.

Judging

- A. Judging will be completed by a panel of impartial judges selected by RBCU management. All decisions are final.
- B. Applications will be separated into the three divisions listed in the Awards section. Applicants within a division will be judged independently from other divisions. The judges will determine the number of awards per division, not to exceed seven awards total.

Administrative/Award Procedures

- A. Winners will be informed by phone prior to the RBCU Annual Meeting. Winners will be invited to attend the Annual Meeting for a ceremonial award presentation and photo opportunity. The membership of the credit union will be informed of the winners at the Annual Meeting presentation and in the summer issue of the *RBCU Quarterly Interest Newsletter*.
- B. Scholarship funds will be mailed to the winners at the beginning of August 2015. Funds will be issued jointly to the winner and the school they will be attending in the fall.

Authority of Richfield Bloomington Credit Union

- A. RBCU has the right to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness in the award of scholarships.
- B. Any questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed in writing to RBCU, Attn: Toni Gerard, Scholarship Program Administrator, 345 East 77th Street, Richfield, MN 55423.



Your Neighborly Credit Union!

2015 Scholarship Program Application

Print clearly in ink or type. Use additional sheets of paper if necessary.

For which division do you want to be considered? (Check one.)

- Incoming Freshman Post-Secondary Student Non-Traditional Student

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Other Phone: (____) _____

Member #: _____ Email: _____

Father/Guardian's Name: _____ Living: Yes [] No: []

Father/Guardian's Occupation: _____

Mother/Guardian's Name: _____ Living: Yes [] No: []

Mother/Guardian's Occupation: _____

Do you have any brothers or sisters in college or other post-high school training?: Yes [] No: []

If yes, where?: _____

Number of persons dependent on the family income?: _____

Are you claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return (parent, spouse, etc)? Yes [] No: []

Do you have a job?: _____ If yes, where?: _____

Hours per week: _____ Summer work?: _____ If yes, where?: _____

Do you plan to work while attending school?: _____ If yes, number of hours per week: _____

High School(s) Attended: _____ Year(s) _____

_____ Year(s) _____

College(s) Attended: _____ Year(s) _____

_____ Year(s) _____

High School Graduation Date: ____/____/____ Estimated College Graduation Date: ____/____/____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

ACT or SAT Scores: (Please include a validated copy of scores):

Unweighted* or Weighted**

ACT Composite Score: _____ Date: ____/____/____

SAT Scores Math: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Critical Reading: _____ Writing: _____

What college class level will you be during the 2015-2016 school year?

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other _____

* An Unweighted GPA is one on the traditional 4.0 scale.

** A Weighted GPA is one which gives extra points for honors or advanced placement in classes.

College enrolled in or planning to attend: _____

Intended Major or Area of Study: _____

Other Scholarships or Awards applied for: _____

Other Scholarships or Awards received: _____

How did you hear about this scholarship?: (check all that apply)

RBCU Newsletter High School Counselor's Office RBCU Website Word of Mouth

RBCU Branch Office RBCU Statement Insert RBCU Employee Other _____

Imagine that your friend is deciding where to open a checking/savings account. How would you describe the difference between a bank and a credit union to them?

Please list five things you like best about being a member at RBCU.

Please indicate any special needs, problems, disabilities, family concerns or other compelling circumstances you would like us to consider in your application. Examples could include a 504 plan or an IEP (Individual Educational Plan), divorced or deceased parent, chronic illness, accident, etc. Use additional sheets of paper if needed.

On a separate sheet of paper, complete a résumé with your accomplishments in high school, college, or later. Include class level (9, 10, 11, 12) or semester of college. Please use the following order for your résumé:

- 1) Honors, Awards, Recognitions, & Achievements (Personal, School, Community, Church, Sports, etc.)
- 2) Co-Curricular Activities (Music & Drama Involvement, Clubs, Sports, etc.)
- 3) Volunteer Experiences (Personal, School, Community, Church, etc.). All applicants need to include the month(s) and year(s) for each volunteer experience.
- 4) Employment History

On a separate sheet of paper, complete only one of the following statements (300 word maximum).

- Community service is important because.....
- A financial education is important because.....
- The most valuable experience in my life was.....
- One of the reasons I have decided to continue my education is.....
- The one accomplishment I've had that I'm most proud of is.....
- In five years I hope to have accomplished.....

Along with your application, the following items are required by the deadline.

Please check off the items after you have included them.

- _____ A typed résumé listing your high school or post-secondary honors, awards, recognitions, achievements, co-curricular activities, volunteer experiences, and employment history.
- _____ A personal essay beginning with one of the six statements above.
- _____ An official copy of all high school and college level school transcripts.
- _____ One letter of recommendation.

Sworn Statement

I swear that the attached essay is my original work and all other personal information is true and correct. I acknowledge that misrepresentation of application information is sufficient grounds for denial of scholarship. I understand that all submitted materials become the property of RBCU for whatever use it deems appropriate. I agree to cooperate with RBCU in promotional activities related to the scholarship competition and if selected as a recipient to give them permission to use my name and photo in promotional activities.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Send your completed application, résumé of accomplishments, letter of recommendation, personal essay, and official school transcripts to the following address:

RBCU
Attn: Toni Gerard
Scholarship Program Administrator
345 East 77th Street
Richfield, MN 55423-4312

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