

*The Northeast CU Outreach Alliance*  
**OF THE OHIO CREDIT UNION LEAGUE**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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The Northeast CU Outreach Alliance will be awarding a total of three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 per recipient.

**Eligibility**

This scholarship opportunity is open to all seniors and post-secondary students who belong to a credit union in one of the following Ohio counties: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake., and Lorain Credit union membership must be considered in good standing.

Only one scholarship submission will be accepted per entrant. Subsequent entries will be disqualified.

Credit unions are not-for-profit financial institutions owned and democratically-controlled by their members. Ohio credit unions provide savings, loans, and other consumer financial services to over 2.75 million members. If you are not a member of a credit union and want to join to be eligible for this scholarship, visit <http://www.ASmarterChoice.org> for a list of credit unions in your area.

**Judging**

Entrants will be judged on their application responses, as well as their proficiency in answering the essay component. Essays should be thoughtful, compelling, and grammatical.

**Deadline**

Eligible submissions must be received no later than 5:00 pm. on April 17, 2023

**Submissions**

Please return your completed application materials to Miranda McConoughey, c/o The Northeast CU Outreach Alliance at: [miranda@lakecountyedufcu.org](mailto:miranda@lakecountyedufcu.org)

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE YOU ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (REQUIRED FOR APPLICANTS UNDER AGE 18):

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS YOU HAVE APPLIED TO FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR INCLUDE

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT UNION YOU BELONG TO \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions**

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. USE ADDITIONAL PAPER OR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED.**

1. Please list your community and/or school activities, as well as your employment history.

2. Why are you applying for this scholarship? How is it consistent with your educational/career/life goals?

3. What has been your most rewarding community involvement experience? Why?

## Essay

**ATTACH YOUR TYPED ESSAY RESPONSE. ESSAYS SHOULD BE NO LONGER THAN FOUR (4) PAGES, AND THOUGHTFULNESS IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.**

**As a teenager, you've just received your first paycheck from a summer job. You're excited about the prospect of having your own money, but you quickly realize that managing it wisely is a whole other quandary. Your parents have always taken care of your finances, but now it's up to you to make smart decisions.**

**Compose a brief essay that explores the challenges and opportunities of being a teenager with newfound financial independence. How do you balance your desire to spend money on things you enjoy with the need to save for the future? What lessons will you need to learn about budgeting, investing, and making responsible financial choices? And how might you navigate the social pressures of peer spending and consumer culture, while still staying true to your own values and goals?**