

Freedom Credit Union Essay Contest and Scholarship Application

Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 to \$1,000 based on academic performance and the quality of submitted essays.

Application guidelines

- Be a member of Freedom Credit Union in good standing OR be a direct descendant (child or grandchild) of a current member in good standing. Step- and adoptive relationships are accepted. Membership date in any case must be no later than September 1, 2018.
- Graduate from a public or charter high school in the spring of 2019.
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. (Copy of official high school transcript required.)
- Plan to attend an accredited public or private college or university full time within 9 months of graduation. (Deferrals available for up to 2 years for military or volunteer service.)
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer, or leader of an organization with which you have worked. This letter should address your character, work ethic, and likelihood to succeed academically and professionally.
- Submit a completed application and all required documents by April 1, 2019 by mail, email, or fax to:

Mail

Freedom Credit Union
Attn: Scholarship Committee
815 N Freedom Blvd
Provo, UT 84604

Fax

801-377-0435

Email

scholarship@freedomcu.com

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name & Relationship of Eligible Member: _____

Account Number of Eligible Member: _____

Anticipated College/University: _____

Anticipated Start Date: _____

Anticipated Field of Study: _____

Please describe your hobbies and extracurricular interests:

Please list leadership and volunteer experience you have had:

Essays

Respond to essay #1 and *either* essay #2a or #2b below. Each essay should be 750-900 words long, word processed, and submitted on a separate sheet of paper. Prompts are intended to stimulate thought; you do not necessarily need to respond to each question in your chosen essays.

Essay 1

Great leaders ... inspire people to act. Those who are able to inspire give people a sense of purpose or belonging Those who truly lead are able to create a following of people who act not because they were swayed, but because they were inspired. Those who are able to inspire will create a following of people—supporters, voters, customers, workers—who act for the good of the whole not because they have to, but because they want to.

Sinek, Simon. *Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action* (p. 6). Penguin Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

Who or what inspires you. What does that motivation inspire you to **do**? Has this inspiration influenced your academic and career interests? Do you aspire to be a leader and inspire others to support your cause, or do you find more fulfillment supporting others whose leadership motivates you?

Essay 2a

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. – Nelson Mandela

How will your education prepare you to make meaningful changes in your community, nation, or the world? Is there a cause, issue, or need that is important to you, and how do you intend to address this need?

Essay 2b

Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education. – Franklin D. Roosevelt

How do you feel about Pres. Roosevelt's assertion that education is the "real safeguard of democracy"? How will your education prepare you to be a responsible citizen and contribute positively to society?