

Freedom Credit Union Essay Contest and Scholarship Application

Scholarships of up to \$1,000 will be awarded.

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 January 1, 2023.
- Graduate from a public or charter high school in the spring of 2023.
- 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.
- Provide a written response to the questions/prompts that follow. Responses should be typed and should be long enough to adequately answer the question. Suggested word counts are listed with each prompt but are not requirements, either max or min
- Submit a completed application and all required documents by April 17, 2023 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	
Permanent Address	
Phone	
Email	
Name & Relationship of Eligible Member	
High School Attended	
Anticipated College/University	
Anticipated Start Date	
Anticipated Field of Study	

Credit Union use only: Date Received: _____

Control #: _____

Personal Introduction

Please introduce yourself to help the scholarship committee get to know you. Describe your hobbies and extracurricular interests. List leadership and volunteer experience you have had. (250-500 words)

Essay

Respond to the following essay prompt. Your 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.

Quote

“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.

Prompt

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?