

## **FIRST FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The First Financial Credit Union scholarship program was organized for the purpose of supporting graduating seniors, college undergraduates and technical school students in advancing their education. Scholarships will be given to individuals who have demonstrated academic potential during their high school education. The First Financial Credit Union, by investing in individuals and their futures, invests in the future of the nation and its number one resource, people. Financial need is not a consideration in the selection process. Everyone who meets the eligibility requirements has an opportunity to receive one of the scholarships to be awarded.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to apply for a First Financial Credit Union scholarship, a student must:

- be a member in good standing at the First Financial Credit Union.
- graduate from a public or private secondary school during the 11-12 school year or be enrolled as a full time student in an accredited technical school, college or university.
- have been enrolled, accepted or anticipates being accepted to a four-year academic institution or accredited technical school.
- be a United States citizen or permanent resident.
- have a GPA of at least 2.00 at the time of applying and complete either the S.A.T. or A.C.T. test.
- include a letter of recommendation from a current or former teacher, or a school official.
- complete the application and personally write the essay.
- not be enrolled in graduate programs.

If you meet all of the above requirements, you are encouraged to participate in the First Financial Credit Union scholarship program by submitting the application materials. Each individual receiving an award will be personally notified by mail.

### **AWARDS**

\$1,000 scholarship paid directly to the student upon award notification and acceptance. The scholarship is non-renewable. Students receiving awards are encouraged to apply annually.

Two scholarships will be awarded in April, 2012.

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### \* APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS \*

✓ **The complete application instructions are as follows:**

1. All answers or information requested must be typed.
2. Type the essay, in 500 words or less, on the Essay Page of the application or attach a separate sheet.
3. Submit one letter of recommendation from a current or former teacher, or a school official who is familiar with your academic accomplishments and personal integrity.
4. Applicants enrolled in college or technical school may submit a transcript in lieu of test scores, class rank and GPA.
5. Application must be signed and returned to the credit union.
6. Electronic applications will be provided upon request however; no electronic return of applications will be accepted.
7. Place correct postage on outer envelope and mail to address below:

**FIRST FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION  
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
3124 West Edgewood, P.O. Box 104360  
Jefferson City, MO 65110-4360**

✓✓ The application must be completed in its entirety before any offer of the award is considered. All applications must be received no later than noon on **March 16, 2012**. **All supporting documents and attachments MUST accompany the completed application.** Transcripts may be requested later.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Only the recipients of the awards will be notified in April 2012. We regret that we will be unable to notify all applicants.
- The selection committee reviews all the information supplied in the application. Test scores, G.P.A., school and other activities serve as a guideline with more importance allocated towards reviewing the essay portion of the application and the letter of recommendation.
- Transcripts and other additional information may be requested later. They need not be included with the application.

# FIRST FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The awards are based solely upon college potential, scholastic ability, and an enthusiasm for learning. The award competition is based on the given information. Financial needs will not be a consideration in the selection of awards.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____		Home phone: ( ) _____	
Permanent address: _____			
STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Birth Date: ___ / ___ / ___		Sex: ___ Male ___ Female	
High School: NAME _____			
SCHOOL ADDRESS _____			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	
SCHOOL PHONE #: _____			
Class Rank: _____		Most recent ACT scores: _____	
_____ in a class of _____ students		Engl.: _____ Math: _____	
		Most recent SAT scores: _____	
		Verbal: _____ Math: _____	
GPA (4 point scale): _____ (9 <sup>th</sup> grade to present, <u>Not</u> adjusted above 4.0 for honors classes if applicable)			

## COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY / TECHNICAL SCHOOL PLANS

College/University/Technical School planning to attend (If known): _____		Application Status: _____ Accepted	
		_____ Applied _____ Have not applied	
Mailing Address of Admissions Office: _____		CITY	STATE
		ZIP	

## CERTIFICATIONS

I certify that my child is eligible for the Credit Union scholarship	Parent's/Guardian's Signature	Date	Member #.
_____	_____	_____	_____
I certify that this student's rank and test scores shown above are correct.	Counselor's Signature	Date	
_____	_____	_____	
I certify that all information on this application is correct.	Student's Signature	Date	Credit Union Member #
_____	_____	_____	_____

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ Read and understand all eligibility rules.
- ✓ Include one letter of recommendation from a current or former teacher, or school official (Must be on a single page).
- ✓ All spaces on the application form must be complete and legible.
- ✓ Application must be received no later than noon on **March 16, 2012**.

**First Financial Credit Union**  
**ATTN: Scholarship Committee**  
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\* NOTE: Applications that are sent after the deadline or sent incomplete will be accepted, but full consideration may be withheld. Applicant and the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the applicant, indemnifies First Financial Credit Union harmless from any loss, damage, claim of damage, liability or expenses arising out of or resulting from any aspect of this application or this scholarship program. By signing the application, the applicant agrees that he / she is aware of and understands all rules, conditions, instructions, and provisions regarding all aspects of this scholarship program and, applicant agrees to accept the Scholarship Committee's decision without debate. First Financial Credit Union employees, volunteers, directors, committee members and their families are not eligible for this scholarship program.

## ESSAY

**STATE YOUR OPINION IN 500 WORDS OR LESS**

How does First Financial Credit Union benefit the counties of Cole, Callaway and Moniteau?

## ACTIVITIES

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** – Such as letters earned, offices held, clubs, etc. Please include number of years involved.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES** – Such as church groups, community organizations, work, scouts, etc.