



2020 Educational Scholarship Application

As part of its continuing commitment to higher education, East River Federal Credit Union is offering Educational Scholarships to its membership.

Awards:

- 2 - \$1000.00 Scholarships and 8 - \$500 Scholarships
The scholarships will be awarded to:
 - 1 – Madison High School graduating senior
 - 9 – Graduating seniors or currently enrolled full-time college, university, or vocational students.

Qualifications:

- The scholarships are open to high school seniors or currently enrolled full-time college, university, or vocational students, who are applying for or have been accepted for admission to an accredited college, university, or vocational school.
- Applicant must have a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 or above.
- Scholarship applicant must be a member in good standing for at least one year or an active member in good standing of the credit union. An active member of the credit union is defined as a member who has an active checking account, at least one loan or both.

Requirements:

- **Scholarship application:** must be complete and submitted with all requested supporting documents attached by the deadline. The application may be handwritten, but please write neatly and clearly.
- **Essay:** Must be typed (500 words or less).
Establishing good credit is essential for your financial future. In what ways will you work to build or maintain a good credit score and what role does East River FCU have in helping you achieve this goal?
- **Activity and involvement:** list volunteer, community service, extracurricular, or school activities as well as jobs you have had. Include the dates of each. If offices were held, list the depth of your involvement. **(Please list on a separate sheet of paper.)**
- **References:** submit two letters of reference from a teacher, counselor, employer, or community leader with your application.
- **College acceptance letter:** college acceptance letter or proof of enrollment at a college, university, or vocational school (e.g. bill, schedule) must be submitted. If you have not yet received a letter of acceptance, obtain a letter from your counselor stating the name of the college, university, or vocational school and the date your application for admission was mailed.
- **Transcript:** A copy of your High school or most recent college transcript must be submitted.
- **Photo:** Email a recent photo to erica@eastriverfcu.com for use in East River FCU promotional materials.

Judging

Scholarship selection will be based on the following criteria:

- **Content:** All items should be typed, organized and neatly presented. Application must include all requested information and be free of grammatical errors.
- **Merit:** Community service/volunteerism involvement, academic achievement and reference letters will be considered.
- **Creativity:** Originality of the essay will be considered.

Special Requirements:

- Applicants must submit the application with all supporting documents attached by the announced deadline date. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applications must be postmarked no later than **Friday, March 6, 2020**. Applications that are postmarked after the announced deadline will not be considered.

Please mail applications and all supporting documents to:

East River Federal Credit Union
Attn: Scholarship Committee
220 S Harth Ave
Madison, SD 57042

If you have any questions about the scholarship program contact Erica Clements at erica@eastriverfcu.com, (800) 667-6039 or (605) 256-8272. Award winners will be notified by the first week in May. *(All submitted applications become the property of East River Federal Credit Union and will not be returned.)*



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Please complete the form below. Attach extra sheets if necessary.

Only completed applications will be considered. **No staples please. Handwritten applications will be accepted but please write neatly and clearly.**

Personal Information:			
Name:		Home Phone:	
		College Phone:	
Permanent Address: (Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)
Parent or Guardian Name:			
Scholastic Information:			
High school name and address from which you graduated or will graduate this spring:			
Phone #:		Graduation Date:	
Volunteer, Academic and Extracurricular Activities, Achievements and Honors:			
Jobs held:			
School name and address you will be attending in the fall of the year:			
What will your class status be in the fall of the year? Note that you must be enrolled for the 2020 fall semester to be eligible for this scholarship.			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore
		<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Major course of study:		Minors:	
Career plans after school:			
Current (college) address, (Street) if applicable:	(City)	(State)	(Zip)
Are you a United States citizen? Yes No			
I authorize East River FCU to use my name and photograph in Credit Union publications.			
Student Signature:		Date:	