



## 2019 Educational Scholarship Application

As part of its continuing commitment to higher education, East River Federal Credit Union is offering Educational Scholarships to its membership. Application is also available online at [www.EastRiverFCU.com](http://www.EastRiverFCU.com)

### Awards:

- 2 - \$1000.00 Scholarships and 8 - \$500 Scholarships  
The four scholarships will be awarded to:
  - 1 – Madison High School graduating senior
  - 3 – 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 [penni@eastriverfcu.com](mailto:penni@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 8, 2019**. 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  
PO Box 31  
Madison, SD 57042

If you have any questions about the scholarship program contact Penni Groce at [penni@eastriverfcu.com](mailto:penni@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? <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			
<b>**I authorize East River FCU to use my name and photograph in Credit Union publications.**</b>			
Student Signature:		Date:	