

2009

Town and Country Credit Union Scholarship Program

1024 5th Street P.O. Box 310, Harlan, IA 51537`

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the 2009 Town and Country Credit Union Scholarship Program. Enclosed is the information and materials needed to apply. Please read your application materials thoroughly and submit all requested items to the credit union by **5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 1, 2009**. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified.

Scholarship Applicants must be primary members on an account at Town and Country Credit Union (TCCU) or immediate family members must be primary members to be eligible for the scholarship awards. If you have any questions about joining TCCU or about the scholarship program, stop by either TCCU office, or call Denny Siemers at (712) 235-5555.

Sincerely,

Denny Siemers
President

Application Procedure

Eligibility

A. Applicant must be planning to attend or already enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited non-profit school, a public or private college, university, community college, or technical college. Awards will be disbursed after the completion of your first semester payable to the winner. Both traditional and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.

B. Applicant must be a primary member “in good standing” of TCCU, or immediate family members must be primary members to be eligible for the scholarship awards or join the credit union before submitting a scholarship application.

C. If you live, work, or attend school in Shelby, Harrison, Crawford, Carroll, Cass, Audubon and Pottawattamie Counties, you are eligible to join TCCU. Additionally, membership is open to the family members of existing TCCU members.

Awards

A. Four awards totaling \$2,000 will be awarded to incoming freshmen who were members of a 2009 high school class;

B. Non-traditional award totaling \$500.00 will be awarded to any person who is entering or attending an accredited undergraduate, graduate or vocational program.

C. Winners will be announced at the Senior Awards Night on May 6, 2009. We will announce the winners to the entire membership in the July newsletter.

Application Requirements

A. Applicants must submit:

- Original signed application (**including the student's or families TCCU member number**) including the essay portion on a separate sheet.
- A typed résumé on a separate sheet listing honors, awards, recognitions, and achievements; extracurricular activities, and volunteer experiences.

B. Completed applications must be received at TCCU no later than 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

Mail entries to:

Town and Country Credit Union
Attention Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 310
Harlan, IA 51537

Judging

A. Judging will be completed by a panel of impartial judges selected by TCCU management. All decisions are final.

Administrative/Award Procedures

A. Winners will be informed by phone.

B. Winners of the high school scholarships must begin their studies within one year of graduation from high school or may be required to forfeit the award in the absence of extenuating circumstances. The winner of the nontraditional scholarship must currently be in school or begin studies within one year after the award of the scholarship.

C. High school winners must be enrolled as a full-time student at any accredited vocational, 2-year or 4-year college approved for the guaranteed student loan program. Nontraditional winners must be enrolled at an approved college, but are not required to be enrolled full-time.

D. Scholarship funds will be mailed to the winners at the beginning of August 2009. Funds will be issued to the winner attending in the fall.

E. Funds are to be used only for tuition, room and board, and book and educational supply expenses.

Authority of Town and Country Credit Union

A. Town and Country Credit Union has the right to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness in the award of scholarships.

B. Any questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed in writing to Town and Country Credit Union, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 310, Harlan, IA 51537

On a separate sheet of paper, complete a résumé of your accomplishments in the following areas:

- 1) Honors, Awards, Recognitions, and Achievements (Personal, School, Community, Church, Sports, Etc.)
- 2) Extra-Curricular Activities (Clubs, Sports, Hobbies, Etc.)
- 3) Volunteer Experiences (Personal, School, Community, Church, Etc.)
- 4) On a separate sheet of paper, complete only one of the following statements (500 word maximum – minimum of 300 words).

Community service is important because.....

A financial education is important because.....

The most valuable experience in my life was.....

One of the reasons I have decided to continue my education is.....

The one accomplishment I've had that I'm most proud of is.....

In five years, I hope to have accomplished.....

Sworn Statement

I swear that the attached essay is my original work, and all other personal information is true and correct. I acknowledge that misrepresentation of application information is sufficient grounds for denial of scholarship. I understand that all submitted materials become the property of Town and Country Credit Union for whatever use it deems appropriate. I agree to cooperate with Town and Country Credit Union in promotional activities related to the scholarship competition, and should I be selected as a recipient, give them permission to use my name and photo in promotional activities.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

All applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 1, 2009

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2009 Scholarship Entry Form

Name: Last _____ First _____ MI _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Primary Credit Union Member Yes: _____ Account Number: _____ No: _____

My Family is a member: Yes: _____ Account Number: _____ No: _____

College or Technical School Planning to Attend: _____

Major (if known): _____

GPA: _____

ACT: _____