

# Scholarship Application 2012



*"Investing in the education of our members"*

# First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. Scholarship Program

The First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. believes in investing in the future education of its members. This is why the **First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. Scholarship Program** was established to recognize, honor, and reward members who have demonstrated excellence in various arenas that include, as well as go beyond, academic performance. The scholarship program provides financial assistance to members to continue their education and training beyond high school and to pursue their dreams.

## CRITERIA

The scholarships will be awarded annually to three students based on achievement, citizenship, community service, character qualities, and involvement in school activities without regard to financial need.

## SELECTION PROCESS

The First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. Scholarship Award recipients will be selected by an impartial Scholarship Selection Committee made up of community leaders, educators, and members (non-designated sector).

## SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

The scholarships are open to any student who meets these qualifications:

- Is a primary member of a regular or youth account prior to 9/1/11 at First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. or whose parent(s) is a member prior to 9/1/11 and is a member in good standing.
- Is currently enrolled or plans to enroll during the current year, in undergraduate study, leading to a traditional associate or bachelor degree, in a regionally accredited institution of higher learning.
- Has been accepted at a qualifying institution and must provide a copy of an official letter of acceptance.

The members of First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. Scholarship Program Selection Committee and their immediate family members (son, daughter, mother, father, sister, brother, grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle and like in-laws) are **not eligible**.

## WHEN TO APPLY

Interested members may apply after Jan. 17, 2012. The DEADLINE for application packages to be received by First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. is **March 30, 2012** or entries must be postmarked no later than **March 30, 2012**.

## HOW TO APPLY

Interested members must complete the official application form and submit it with all of the following information at the same time as part of their application package:

### *1. The Application Form*

Interested members must complete the First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. Scholarship Program Official Application form. If all required sections are not completed, the applicant may be disqualified or have points subtracted from their final score.

### *2. Personal Data Sheet*

Must be typed or printed on an 8½ x 11 sheet of paper. Also, the sheet must be signed and dated by the applicant. The following information must be provided and included with their application package:

- Full Name of Scholarship Applicant
- Applicant's Credit Union Member Account Number
- Home Address
- Home Telephone Number
- Social Security Number
- If currently enrolled in school, provide School Name
- Address and Telephone Number
- If not currently enrolled in school, state "Not currently enrolled in school" and explain status.
- Present grade or college level and GPA

\* Each applicant must answer the following questions briefly as possible.

- A. What are my achievements?
- B. What is my involvement in school or in the community?

### 3. Essay

The essay must be typed or printed and included with the application package. The following questions must be answered in the essay (one page maximum):

- A. Why should I receive a First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. Scholarship Award?
- B. What are my educational and career plans for the future?
- C. How will this scholarship help me?

### 4. Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation. The letters **may not be** written by the applicant, anyone under 21 years of age, or anyone related to or serving as their legal guardian. Letters must state association with the applicant and should be from individuals such as teachers, coaches, employers, club advisors, religious leaders, career or guidance counselors, etc.

Recommendation letters must include statements addressing:

- A. How the writer knows the applicant and for how long.
- B. Why the writer is recommending the applicant for this scholarship.
- C. The writer's knowledge of the achievements, citizenship, community service, character qualities, and involvement in school activities of the applicant.

Each letter must be written legibly or typewritten and current (not more than three months old), must be written for this scholarship program, and must be signed and dated by the writer. Also, the letters must include the writer's address and telephone number. Pre-formed evaluation or reference forms will not be accepted. The recommendation letters should validate the applicant's responses to the questions listed under the Personal Data Sheet.

The applicant must include the two recommendation letters in the application package. If any are sent separately, the applicant may be disqualified.

### 5. An Official Transcript of Grades

One copy of the official transcripts or permanent records showing the final grades for high school must be included with the application package. Applicants with educational experience beyond high school must also provide official transcripts and/or permanent records indicating academic performance for their enrollment period.

### 6. College Enrollment Verification

## SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION PACKAGE

- Assemble the completed application package in the order listed in the section titled "How to Apply."
- Complete and send the application package as **EARLY** possible to make sure that it will reach us by the deadline.
- Do not send originals of any materials requesting their return.
- Do not put the application package in a binder, notebook or acetate cover.
- All application packages submitted become the property of the First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. Scholarship Program and **WILL NOT BE RETURNED.**

The application package must be postmarked no later than March 30, 2012. Mail to:

First Ohio Credit Union, Inc.  
Scholarship Program Selection Committee  
P.O. Box 856  
Fostoria, Ohio 44830-0856

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNTS

First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. will award three scholarships annually in the amount of \$1000, \$750, and \$250. The scholarships are nonrenewable and recipients may only receive the award one time.

## AWARD WINNERS

The scholarship Award WINNERS will be announced by May 14, 2012.

# 2012 First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. Scholarship

THIS FORM AND THE COMPLETE APPLICATIONS CAN BE PHOTOCOPIED.

This form itself IS NOT a complete package. See page 2 & 3 for instructions on completing the application package. All application packages must be received no later than March 30, 2012. Failure to complete all portions of this form may result in points taken off of your score or disqualification.

## 1. Applicant

|                     |                     |                        |                |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Last Name           | First Name          | Middle Initial         | Home Phone No. |
| Home Address        | City                | State                  | Zip            |
| Date of Birth       | Social Security No. | Credit Union Acct. No. |                |
| Father's Occupation | Mother's Occupation |                        |                |

## 2. Most Recent School

|                                             |                |       |     |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| High School Grade or College Level          | Cumulative GPA |       |     |
| School District (If applicable) School Name | School Phone   |       |     |
| School Address                              | City           | State | Zip |

## 3. Letters of Recommendation

|               |               |                              |                                                                                 |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Last Name     | First Name    | Prefix (Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr.) | Association with Applicant<br>(examples-teacher, counselor, minister, employer) |
| Daytime Phone | Evening Phone |                              |                                                                                 |
| Last Name     | First Name    | Prefix (Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr.) | Association with Applicant<br>(examples-teacher, counselor, minister, employer) |
| Daytime Phone | Evening Phone |                              |                                                                                 |

## 4. Work History

|          |          |           |             |
|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Employer | Position | Hire Date | Ending Date |
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5. All essays and application package information will become the property of First Ohio Credit Union, Inc. Winners agree to the use of their names, likeness, and information contained in their application packages for advertising and promotional purposes for the First Ohio Credit Union Scholarship Program without further compensation or notification.

The information contained in this form and in the application package is true and correct as best of my knowledge as evidenced by this/these signature(s).

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Applicant's Signature         | Date                               |
| Parent's/Guardian's Signature | Parent's/Guardian's Name (printed) |
| Daytime Phone                 | Date                               |