

Community First Scholarship 2012

Union Settlement Federal Credit Union Community Criteria

The award:

Union Settlement Federal Credit Union will award two scholarships of \$500.00 to be paid jointly to the student and educational institution.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a high school senior pursuing higher education/college with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Applicant will matriculate at a two-or four-year accredited educational institution.
- Applicant must have participated in community service within the last 12 months.
- Applicant must agree to use any scholarship funds awarded only at any accredited educational institution by January 31, 2013.
- Applicant cannot be an employee or a relative of an employee of Union Settlement Federal Credit Union.
- Applicant must agree to attend the Union Settlement FCU's Annual Meeting in April (Date to be announced).

Application Process:

- Applicant must complete and sign the scholarship application form.
- Applicant must have a letter from an authorized representative associated with the community service activity verifying the student's participation
- Applicant must submit a 300-500 word typed essay on one of the topics provided.
- Applicant must include an official transcript documenting student's GPA

Selection Process:

Judging will be based on both subjective criteria and weighted, objective criteria. These include academics achievements, extracurricular and community activities, the essay, etc.

Application Deadline:

Applications must be returned to the credit union no later than 3:00 pm **Friday, March 2nd 2012.**

Community First Scholarship 2012 Application Form

For the application to be considered complete, applicant must provide **ALL** of the following:

- Completed and Signed Application Form
- Community Service Verification Letter
- 300-500 word Typed Essay
- Official High School Transcript

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CREDIT UNION NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM ON MARCH 2ND 2012.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone: (____) - ____ - _____ **Email:** _____

High School Name: _____ **Anticipated Graduation:** ____ / ____
(Mo.) (Year)

List Any High School Honors and Awards

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|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

List Which Educational Institutions You Have Applied To

Have You Been Accepted? (Y/N)

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|----------|-------|
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |

List All Community Service/ Volunteer Activities You Participate In (Do not include one-time activities)

Please enclose at least one (max. 2) letter from an authorized representative acknowledging your involvement in that community service activity. Sample verification form is attached.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Essay: Provide a 300-500 word typed, double spaced essay on **ONE** of the following topics:

1. What do you consider to be the most important issue in your local community or society? Why?
2. Describe how your family background and/or local community have influenced you or shaped the way you view the world.

Applicant Signature

____/____/_____
Date

Parent/ Guardian Signature

____/____/_____
Date

Please return this application and all attachments to the credit union

Community First Scholarship 2012 Community Service Verification Form

237 East 104 St New York NY 10029

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____ - _____ Email: _____

▪ ***FOR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE***

Name: _____

Position/ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: () _____ - _____ Email: _____

Briefly describe the nature of this particular community service/ volunteer activity:

How long has the applicant participated in this project? _____

How would you rate the applicant's performance within this activity?

Very Poor Poor Average Satisfactory Excellent

Please provide any additional notes or comments about this applicant you believe will be helpful in helping us evaluate him/her for this scholarship

Signature

Date