

FIRST CLASS AMERICAN CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES/APPLICATION ED DURIS SCHOLARSHIP

The application period will begin November 1st of each year, and run through January 31st of the following year. Scholarship awards will be presented each year the at the credit union's Annual Meeting. The program is aimed at presenting two \$500 scholarships each year to qualified, graduating high school seniors. All applications must be postmarked no later than January 31st of each year.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior;
2. Applicant must be a member in good standing of First Class American Credit Union, **and** parent or legal guardian must be in good standing at FCACU. A minimum of 180 calendar days of FCACU membership is required prior to date of application.
3. Applicant must maintain a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) in high school course work. High school transcripts through the fall semester of the application year will be required with application.
4. Applicant must plan on attending an accredited 4-year college or university, 2-year community college, trade or vocational school.
5. Applicant will be judged based on, but not limited to, weighted average of the following criteria:
 - a. Academic achievement
 - b. GPA
 - c. Class rank (as of the end of the fall semester).
 - d. SAT/ACT scores
 - e. Character
 - f. Leadership
 - g. Community involvement
 - h. Three letters or recommendation
 - i. An essay (500 words or less, Titled "Why I'm a Member of First Class American Credit Union and The Place of Credit Unions in Our Community, and How My Credit Union is Different From a Bank".

***FCACU employees, officials and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply for the scholarship program.**

**FIRST CLASS AMERICAN
CREDIT UNION**

**ED DURIS
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application Instructions:

1. Print your name here: _____

2. Print the name of your high school: _____

3. Print the name of your School District: _____

4. Please provide the student, parent(s), or legal guardian(s) FCACU account number, along with the correct name on the account:

5. Read the attached application carefully and be sure to answer every question. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

6. Do not submit a picture with your application.

7. An original and four copies of your entire application, with pages in order must be returned to the credit union along with an official sealed original transcript and four copies. The official sealed transcript and/or copies may be mailed directly from your school to The First Class American Credit Union Scholarship Program, provided they are postmarked no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 31st of the application year.

8. Scholarship recipients will be notified individually by phone and mail, so be sure to fill out Personal Information correctly. Recipients will also be listed in the quarterly newsletter of First Class American Credit Union, *The Courier*.

Scholarship Overview:

The First Class American Credit Union Ed Duris Scholarship will present two \$500 scholarships, totaling \$1,000 to qualified, graduating high school students. The application period runs from November 1 through January 31st of the following year.

Scholarships will be awarded as a one-time disbursement (non-renewable, non-transferable) to each recipient. Funds will be paid by the FCACU Directors Scholarship Fund to the school of the recipient's choice upon evidence of full-time enrollment. Recipient must be planning to attend an accredited 4-year college or university, 2-year community college or trade or vocational school. Scholarship funds may be used for books, tuition and miscellaneous school expenses.

Selection Process:

A scholarship committee comprised of three First Class American Credit Union Board Members and the President of First Class American Credit Union will determine final selections. All decisions will be final. Selection criteria include applicants' academic achievements, demonstration of school leadership and participation, community service, three letters of recommendation and an essay form the student (see Scholarship Requirements).

Scholarship Requirements

Scholarship applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Applicant must be a high school senior.
2. **Applicant must be a member in good standing of FCACU; and** parent/legal guardian must be a member in good standing of FCACU. **A minimum of 180 calendar days of FCACU membership is required.**
3. Applicant must maintain a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in high school. Transcripts through fall of the current year will be required with application. **Please submit one original and three copies of your most recent transcript along with an original and three copies of your application. (see application instructions).**
4. Applicant will be judged based on, but not limited to, weighted averages of the following criteria:
 - A. Academic Achievement
 1. GPA
 2. Class Rank (as of the end of the fall semester)
 3. SAT/ACT scores
 - B. Character
 - C. Leadership
 - D. Community Involvement
 - E. Three letters of recommendation. One from each of the following:
 1. Teacher
 2. Administrator, sponsor, coach, or employer
 3. Personal**Applicants MUST use attached sheets.**
 - F. An Essay. A handwritten, legible, essay in black ink only is required from the student addressing “The history of credit unions, how they differ from banks, and how they help in the financial security of its members”. Essay must be 500 words or less. **Applicants must use attached sheet.**
5. If selected as a finalist, the applicant may be required to participate in a personal interview.
6. **All applications must be submitted 9or postmarked) no later than 5:00 p.m., January 31st of their senior year. Applications should be mailed to:**

**First Class American Credit Union Director’s Scholarship Program
c/o Nancy Croix Stroud
P. O. Box 162539
Fort Worth, Tx. 76161-2539**

7. If you have questions, please call Nancy Croix Stroud at 817-834-9777, ext. 280 or 800-736-6144, ext. 280.

First Class American Credit Union employees, officials or their immediate families are not eligible for scholarships.

First Class American Credit Union Ed Duris Scholarship Program

Please Type or Print Clearly

Personal Information:

Name of Student: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Parent(s) and/or
Legal Guardian(s) Full Name(s): _____

Education Information:

High School: _____

School District: _____

High School Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ on a _____ Point
Scale.

ACT Score: _____ SAT Score: _____ PSAT Score _____

Class Rank: _____ out of _____.

Name of College
Student Plans to Attend: _____

Intended Academic Major: _____

Career Plans:

Future Occupation: _____

All applicants will receive consideration for the First Class American Credit Union Ed Duris Scholarship Program without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or ancestry, religion, age, handicap, or marital status.

Honors and Awards

Student Name: _____

High School: _____ SS#: _____

Honors & Awards	Please Explain	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th

Employment	Hours*	Please Explain	Employment Period

*Please indicate number of hours and circle the appropriate time period.

If you need additional space please photocopy this page.

School Activities

Student Name: _____

High School: _____ SS#: _____

Please list advance, honors and/or college credit courses you have taken.

9th 10th 11th 12th

School Activities	Hours*	Leadership Positions	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
	Wk/Mo/Yr					
	Wk/Mo/Yr					
	Wk/Mo/yr					
	Wk/Mo/Yr					
	Wk/Mo/Yr					
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***Please indicate number of hours and circle the appropriate time period.**

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Community Service

Student Name: _____

High School: _____ SS#: _____

Community Service Hours*	Leadership Positions	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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***Please indicate the number of hours and circle the appropriate time period.**

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Please return completed forms to the First Class American Credit Union Ed Duris Scholarship Program, c/o Nancy Croix Stroud, P. O. Box 162529, Fort Worth, Tx. 76161-2539.

Thank you for your interest in the First Class American Credit Union Ed Duris Scholarship Program. We wish you success in all your future endeavors.

Teacher's Recommendation

Name of Student: _____

Your recommendation should address why you feel this student deserves a First Class American Credit Union Ed Duris Scholarship. List specific examples of work ethics, personality traits, accomplishments, and other examples of behavior that makes this individual unique. If you are attaching a letter, please staple it to this sheet and sign below.

Teachers Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

If you need additional space, please use reverse side of page.

Administrator, Sponsor, Coach, or Employer's Recommendation

Name of Student: _____

Your recommendation should address why you feel this student deserves a First Class American Credit Union Ed Duris Scholarship. List specific examples of work ethics, personality traits, accomplishments, and other examples of behavior that makes this individual unique. If you are attaching a letter, please staple it to this sheet and sign below.

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

If you need more space, please use reverse side of page.

Personal Recommendation

Name of Student: _____

Your recommendation should address why you feel this student deserves a First Class American Credit Union Ed Duris Scholarship. List specific examples of work ethics, personality traits, accomplishments, and other examples of behavior that makes this individual unique. If you are attaching a letter, please staple it to this sheet and sign below.

Signature: _____

Relationship: _____

Statement from the Student

Name of Student: _____

Instructions: Write an essay on “The history of Credit Unions, how they differ from a bank, and how they help members achieve financial security”. (500 words or less). You must complete the essay in your own handwriting using a black ballpoint pen. You may write in the space provided below and on the reverse side of this page if necessary.

Students Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

If you need additional space, please use reverse side of page.