



Community Champion Scholarship

DESCRIPTION

This award is presented to a college-bound high school senior, who in some unique and significant way contributes to his/her school or community as a whole. It is meant to recognize those who might normally go unrecognized through traditional awards criteria. This “unsung hero” must have contributed behind the scenes towards furthering the vision, mission, and strategy of their chosen clubs and community organizations, but does not hold leadership positions. The award recognizes a student who has demonstrated teamwork, integrity, respect and excellence from behind the scenes with a positive attitude and a willingness to help in whatever capacity necessary.

THE AWARD

Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to applicants chosen by the Northeast scholarship committee. The recipients of this award are not eligible for receipt of the Peter J. Kavalauskas Memorial Scholarship, the Bart M. DallaMura Memorial Scholarship, the Roger G. Marois Memorial Scholarship, or the Northeast Credit Union General Scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be a member in good standing of Northeast Credit Union who meets all of the following criteria:

1. The applicant must be a current high school student who will be attending a 2 or 4 year accredited college or technical school next year.
2. The applicant must be in the top 50% of his/her high school class.
3. The applicant must have been a member in good standing of Northeast Credit Union for at least one year prior to the date of application.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, eligible members must complete the scholarship application form. Applicants should type or print clearly and use only the space provided on the form to answer the questions.

Check (✓) each box after completion.

The signed application must be submitted with:

- A high school transcript documenting student's GPA for grades 9–11.
- An SAT/PSAT/ACT transcript (obtained through the high school guidance office).

- Letters of recommendation from two organizations in which the applicant volunteers.
- A letter of acceptance from the accredited college or technical school.
- The signed application must be submitted with a 300–500 word essay on the following:
 1. Tell us how you've led by example (behind the scenes) to benefit your community, team or a specific organization. Note: "lead by example" meaning you may not have had the lead role or leadership position, but your consistency, actions and commitment were key to overall success.
 2. Describe a specific time when your quiet dedication and commitment proved to be critical to the success of your team, organization, and/or community. Tell us about obstacles or challenges you faced and how you worked to overcome them.
- The applicant and his/her parent or guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization on the back page of the application form.

The application, transcripts and essay must be submitted/postmarked by **March 17, 2017** to:

Northeast Credit Union
 Scholarship Committee
 PO BOX 1240
 Portsmouth, NH 03802-1240

If any portion is incomplete or missing, the application will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS

Judging will be based on both subjective criteria and weighted, objective criteria. These include academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, essay, etc. The committee's decision will be final.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be returned to the credit union no later than **March 17, 2017**.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION

This application will not be considered unless all information is completed in full, on this form only, and all requested documentation is provided.

Please type or print clearly, and use only the space provided on this form to answer the questions.

Do not use any attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind to answer the questions.

Student's Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

High School _____ Anticipated Graduation Date ____ / ____ / ____

Name of accredited college or technical school you plan to attend _____

CAREER OBJECTIVES

What will be your major course of study in college/technical school? Use this space only.

Career goals? Use this space only.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please list high school activities and year(s) of participation. Use this space only.

Examples: sports teams, clubs, band, drama, choral, orchestra, yearbook, school newspaper, MathCounts, LifeSmarts, tutoring.

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER WORK

Please list community activities and volunteer work and year(s) of participation. Use this space only.

Examples: scouting, community service projects, community volunteerism, religious youth groups, youth counseling.

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

ESSAY

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following question. Your response should be typed, between 300–500 words and should include your full name in the top right corner. Points will be deducted if responses are not typed.

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NOTIFICATION

Northeast Credit Union will notify your school if you are awarded a scholarship and will then work with your school to coordinate presenting you with your award.

In order to receive your scholarship funds, please send a copy of your tuition invoice by **December 31, 2017** to:

Northeast Credit Union
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO BOX 1240
Portsmouth, NH 03802-1240

CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship award.

I certify this information contained in this application is true, complete, and accurate. I also hereby give permission to Northeast Credit Union to use my name, photographic likeness, essays, and story in all forms and all media for advertising, trade, and any lawful purposes including release to social media channels. I understand the circulation of the materials may be worldwide and that there will be no compensation to me for this use.

Member Signature (Student) _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR VERIFICATION

The following information must be completed by the Guidance Counselor at the applicant's school to be considered for a scholarship award.

I certify that the applicant is in the top 50% of his/her graduating class.

Guidance Counselor Signature _____ Date ____/____/____