

# *The Northeast CU Outreach Alliance*

## OF THE OHIO CREDIT UNION LEAGUE

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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The Northeast CU Outreach Alliance will be awarding a total of four (4) scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 per recipient. This opportunity is open to all high-school seniors and post-secondary students who belong to a credit union in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, or Lake County, OH.

### **Eligibility**

Eligibility is reserved for all high-school seniors and post-secondary students who belong to a credit union in one of the following Ohio counties: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, or Lake. Credit union membership must be considered in good standing.

Only one scholarship submission will be accepted per entrant. Subsequent entries will be disqualified.

Credit unions are not-for-profit financial institutions owned and democratically-controlled by their members. Ohio credit unions provide savings, loans, and other consumer financial services to over 2.75 million members. If you are not a member of a credit union and wish to join to be eligible for this scholarship, visit <http://www.ASmarterChoice.org> for a list of credit unions in your area.

### **Judging**

Entrants will be judged on their application responses, as well as their proficiency in answering the essay component. Essays should be thoughtful, compelling, and grammatically-sound. All applicants will be notified of judging decisions via email on May 7, 2021.

### **Deadline**

Eligible submissions must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2021.

### **Submissions**

Please return your completed application materials by email to: [miranda@lakecountyedufcu.org](mailto:miranda@lakecountyedufcu.org), or by mail:

Miranda McConoughey, c/o The Northeast CU Outreach Alliance  
Lake County Educational FCU  
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Painesville, Ohio 44077

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE YOU ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS YOU HAVE APPLIED TO FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR INCLUDE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT UNION YOU BELONG TO \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions**

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. USE ADDITIONAL PAPER OR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED.**

1. Please list your community and/or school activities, as well as your employment history.

2. Why are you applying for this scholarship? How is it consistent with your educational/career/life goals?

3. What has been your most rewarding community involvement experience? Why?

## Essay

**ENCLOSE YOUR TYPED, DOUBLE-SPACED ESSAY RESPONSE. ESSAYS SHOULD BE NO LONGER THAN FOUR (4) PAGES.**

When Alphonse Desjardins organized the first credit union in North America, he reminded his constituents, "Let it never be forgotten that a credit union is above all else, an association of people, not of dollars." By their very design, credit unions are owned by the people, for the good of the people. This means that each member's input is valued and respected as equal owners of the credit union. Within any community, though, different people often have differing viewpoints, and they don't always agree.

Reflect on a time when you've questioned or challenged a deeply-held belief or idea. What prompted your change in thinking? What was the outcome? Choose a time when you were able to listen to experiences and perspectives contrary to yours with respect and maturity. How were you able to expand your worldview and learn from someone you may have previously disagreed with? Explain how this moment of personal growth resulted in a new understanding of yourself and others.