



2013 Continuing Education Scholarship Application

The Award

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one student and their accredited educational institution.

Eligibility

The applicant must be a member of First Alliance Credit Union (FACU) in good standing, and must have a gap in education for 1 year or more, and must be enrolled as a student at an accredited educational institution. Scholarship funds must be used at an accredited institution by January 21, 2014, for tuition and text books only. Employees of First Alliance Credit Union, Directors, Volunteers and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.

Entry Requirements:

All entrants must submit the following:

1. A completed and signed application form
2. A Personal Statement describing the following:
 - Previous education
 - Recent employment and/or unpaid volunteer work or other service
 - Extracurricular activities or community involvement, including descriptions of leadership positions held, distinctions or recognition you have earned.
 - Employment history or resume
 - Academic and professional goals and interests
 - Two letters or recommendation (professor, employer, etc.)
3. Typed answer to the following questions:
 - a. **What impact has social media had on our financial decisions and how could credit unions utilize these tools to help you with your financial goals?**
 - b. **What are your career goals and how do you plan to achieve them?**

Application/Selection Process:

1. The application deadline is Tuesday, April 30, 2013.
2. The selection process will conclude on Friday, May 17, 2013 and all applicants will be notified by May 31, 2013.

Please submit applications to:

**First Alliance Credit Union
Attn: Scholarship Committee
320 Alliance Place NE
Rochester, MN 55906**

For more information, please contact Greg Hird at 507-281-7637 or ghird@firstalliancecu.com.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| Name | Account Number |
| Address | City |
| State | Zip |
| Length of Membership | Expected Graduation Date |
| Institution you are attending | Degree or Certificate Program |

Do you have an attendance break in your education totaling one or more years?

- Yes**
- No**

If yes, indicate the dates you were not enrolled in a college-level course. Years do not need to be consecutive or immediately preceding your application. Examples include a break between high school and college, or gaps in your college attendance.

Year of High School Graduation _____

CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

The information below **must** be completed before the applicant can be considered for a scholarship.

I certify that the information in this application is true, complete and accurate. I authorize the release of this information to confirm/verify this application.

I agree to cooperate with First Alliance Credit Union in promotional activities related to the scholarship competition, and should I be selected a winner, give them permission to use my name and photograph in promotional activities.

Signature _____ Date _____

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed and signed scholarship application
- Completed Personal Statement
- Completed essay questions
- Two letters of recommendation