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2018
Scholarship Application



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Dear Scholarship Applicant,

We appreciate your interest in the 2018 Blackhawk Community Credit Union Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Program is a long-standing Blackhawk tradition to help students with the increasing costs of higher education. We believe that anyone who wants a higher education should be able to achieve that dream.

Our Scholarship Program is just one way that Blackhawk fulfills its mission of community service. We are awarding a total of 13 scholarships this year. Our two Presidential Scholarships, in honor of our past presidents, are the Glenn Lea and the Patrick McGuire Presidential Scholarships for \$2,000 each. The other 11 scholarships are for \$1,000 each.

To be considered for one of the scholarships, please follow the instructions in this packet and submit all of the requested materials to a Blackhawk branch or have them postmarked by March 15, 2018. Scholarship winners will be notified by mail in April with a letter of congratulations and certificate of achievement. They will also be published in our Messenger newsletter and on our website.

All of us at Blackhawk Community Credit Union wish you the best in your pursuit of a college education. We look forward to reviewing your scholarship application and essay. Please contact us with questions at 800-779-5555, scholarship@bhccu.org, or stop in any of our branches.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherri Stumpf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CEO
Blackhawk Community Credit Union

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCEDURES

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Applicant must be a primary member (first owner named on the account) in good standing with Blackhawk Community Credit Union.
- Applicant must be a 2018 graduating senior from a high school or a home school located in communities served by a Blackhawk Community Credit Union branch.
- Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited public or private college, community college or technical college. Awards will not be disbursed until the student is accepted and enrolled in an accredited institution.
- Previous winners are not eligible for the Blackhawk Scholarship Program. Additionally, Blackhawk Community Credit Union employees and officials and their immediate family members are not eligible for this scholarship. However, employees of Cougar and Viking Student Credit Unions are eligible for this Scholarship Program.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant must submit:
 - Signed application.
 - High school transcript with GPA from the end of the most recent school year. Transcripts may be mailed separately as long as they are postmarked by March 15, 2018 to qualify.
 - A one-page, typed listing of all extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, hobbies, etc.), volunteer activities and community involvement (personal, school, church, etc.), leadership experiences, work experiences, awards and honors, and other relevant personal information.
 - A two-page, double-spaced typed personal essay answering the following: *What experiences have influenced your decision to pursue a career in your chosen field? How will these experiences and this scholarship help you achieve success in your career choice?*

All application materials must be postmarked or emailed by March 15, 2018. Entries must be sent to: Blackhawk Community Credit Union, Scholarship Application Committee, PO Box 5366, Janesville, WI 53547 or scholarship@bhccu.org. Late and incomplete entries will not be accepted.

- Applications can be dropped off at any Blackhawk Community Credit Union branch.
- Blackhawk Community Credit Union has the right to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness in the awarding of the scholarships.

ADMINISTRATIVE/AWARD PROCEDURES:

- Scholarship funds will be paid only to the school's business office. Funds are to be used in the 2018-19 school year for tuition or books. Any funds not used for these purposes will be forfeited. In January of each year, Blackhawk Community Credit Union is required to file form 1099 with the IRS, which reports amounts paid to reduce student loans during the previous year. The student will be mailed a copy of Form 1099 and may be required to report on a tax return any scholarship winnings applied to student loans. We recommend that the student consult a tax advisor.

JUDGING:

- Judging will be completed by a panel of impartial judges. All decisions are final.
- Consideration will be viewed in scholastic standing, personal essay, extracurricular activities, volunteering and awards.
- The essay will be evaluated on the following:

Originality	Neatness	Content
Clarity	Spelling	Grammar and Punctuation
- All scholarship applications become the property of Blackhawk Community Credit Union and may be published.



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Blackhawk Community Credit Union is committed to the higher education goals of the credit union's youth members. We are awarding two Presidential scholarships of \$2,000 each and eleven scholarships of \$1,000 each for the 2018-19 school year.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Member #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Parent Name: _____

How Did You Hear About the Scholarship? (check one or more)

- Word of Mouth
- Blackhawk Newsletter
- School Guidance Counselor
- Teacher
- Blackhawk Member
- Blackhawk Board Member
- Blackhawk Employee
- In a Blackhawk Branch
- Other: _____

EDUCATION:

Name of High School: _____ GPA: _____

List the colleges or universities applicant is applying to:

School 1: _____ Planned Major: _____

School 2: _____ Planned Major: _____

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Please send your completed Blackhawk Community Credit Union Scholarship application, a typed listing of activities, experiences, awards and personal information, a typed personal essay and high school transcript to:

Blackhawk Community Credit Union
Scholarship Application Committee
PO Box 5366
Janesville, WI 53547

Or, the application may be completed, scanned and emailed, along with the supporting documentation to scholarship@bhccu.org.

I swear that the attached essay is my original work, and all the personal information is true and correct. I understand that all submitted material becomes the property of Blackhawk Community Credit Union for promotional activities related to the scholarship competition, and should I be selected as a recipient, I give them permission to use my name and photo for promotional activities.

X _____
Signature Date



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