



2021 Scholarship Application

Catawba* Great Falls* Lancaster* Rock Hill* Old Pointe
Patriots Center* Fort Mill

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ArrowPointe Federal Credit Union Scholarships

Background:

ArrowPointe FCU was founded in 1960 to provide sensible and affordable financial services to the employees of Bowater, Inc.'s Catawba mill and their families. Today, we serve over 18,000 members at our seven branches covering the Fort Mill, Catawba, Rock Hill, Lancaster, and Great Falls Areas. We are a member-owned cooperative for anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in York or Lancaster Counties or in the under-served area of Southeastern Chester County. Membership to the credit union is represented by a savings account with a minimum balance of \$5. We offer a range of products and services including savings and checking accounts, loans, accounts for kids, and on-line services such mobile banking and Check-free Bill Pay. Because we are not-for-profit, profits are returned directly to our member-owners in the form of lower loan rates and dividends on savings and investments.

Scholarship Criteria:

Ten (10) \$500 scholarships are awarded to deserving students enrolling in higher education for demonstrating exemplary character, work ethic, and strong educational goals. To qualify applicants must:

- Graduate from a high school in one of the following areas: York or Lancaster County, Great Falls or Lewisville High Schools.
- *Have an active ArrowPointe FCU account in good standing for at least 90 days prior to the application deadline.*
- Enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester at their post-secondary institution.

*** **Traditional & non-traditional** students enrolled in college are also eligible.

Applicants must submit:

- Scholarship Application & two recommendation letters (excluding relatives).
- High school transcript or a school schedule indicating registered courses and number of registered hours for the upcoming quarter/semester.

Scholarship Expenses:

Recipients may use scholarship funds to defray the cost of tuition, room and board, and/or books and supplies at any accredited post secondary institution of learning – public or private, two or four years. Scholarships are sent directly to recipient's school.

Application Deadline and Return Address:

Applications must be returned by mail or in-person to:

ArrowPointe Federal Credit Union
Attn.: Scholarship Selection Committee
Post Office Box 12068
Rock Hill, SC 29731

Applications must be received by Friday, May 7, 2021. Facsimile or e-mail applications will not be accepted.

Selection Process:

The AFCU will appoint a three-member selection committee. The selection committee will be responsible for reviewing all applications and selecting the finalists. Personal information will be removed from the applications and assigned a random identification number before the selection committee review.

Scholarships will be categorized into six main components that will be given equal consideration when being scored by the selection committee. They are academics, extra-curricular activities, leadership/member organizations and volunteer efforts, work experience, and other (i.e. – special awards, hobbies, career goals, character, etc.).

Submission of an application authorizes AFCU to verify all of the information provided by the applicant. All information will be kept confidential.

Recipients of the scholarships agree to be photographed for publicity purposes with no compensation expected or given.

Award Notification and Disbursement:

Recipients will be notified by phone no later than Monday, June 7, 2021. Students are highly encouraged to attend the award ceremony. Details about awards ceremony will be given at the time of notification. In addition, notification will be sent to their school's guidance counselor.

Funds will be made payable to the recipient's post-secondary institution and sent to the Registrar's Office (or appropriate office for that institution) for credit to the recipient's account.

Failure to be accepted and/or enrolled in a post-secondary institution will result in the revocation of the scholarship. Recipients unable to attend a post-secondary institution on schedule of unforeseen circumstances (health, accident, family emergency, etc.) may appeal revocation of award to the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Application Tips:

Be concise! Longer is not always better and extra points are not given for length.

Type your application if possible. If not possible, write legibly with an ink pen.

Answer each question completely.

Outline format, where appropriate, is acceptable.

Choose adults who are familiar with your qualifications for your recommendations.

For more information, contact Felicia Pope, VP Marketing and Business Development, at (803) 323-2034 or fpope@arrowpointe.org.

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Personal Information Sheet:

Name: _____
Last First (Initial) Middle (Initial)

Date of Birth: _____ Member Number _____ (required)

U.S. Citizen: _____ Yes _____ No (Citizen of _____)

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Permanent Address: _____
Street

_____ City State Zip

Name of Parents/Guardians:

Father/Guardian: _____ Telephone: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Mother/Guardian: _____ Telephone: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Guardian's Relationship to Applicant: _____

(This page will be removed prior to Selection Committee Review.)

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Career Goals: _____

Colleges/Universities Applied to or attending: _____

Accepted by or plan to attend: _____

Semester Start Date: _____

List special honors and achievements earned: _____

List any scholarships you have received and the amount: _____

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Complete the following if currently enrolled in High School:

Name of High School: _____

Graduation Date (or anticipated date): _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Guidance Counselor: _____ Telephone: _____

High School Class Rank: _____ out of _____

GPA at end of each grade level:

_____ 9th _____ 10th _____ 11th _____ 12th or current

SAT/ACT Scores (SAT - verbal and math total only): _____

*Please remember to attach a copy of your high school transcript to your application.

Complete the following if currently enrolled in College:

Name of College: _____ Years Attended: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Advisor: _____ Telephone: _____

GPA: _____

Major (if known): _____ Minor (if known): _____

*Please remember to attach a copy of your college transcript to your application.

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Extracurricular Activities (feel free to use additional paper if needed. Please include any offices held, number of years of involvement, and any special recognition received.)

List School-related Extracurricular Activities (sports, clubs, etc.):

List church, community, family service activities: _____

List leadership experience/training, work experience, organizational membership: _____

List other special interests, outside activities and hobbies: _____

List other special recognition, relevant information or special circumstances for consideration: _____

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Critical Thinking Assessment:

Select one of the questions below and compose your response in an essay format. Essays must be typed, double-spaced and may not exceed one page. In conjunction with the application components, essays will be judged based on thoughtfulness and creativity.

Credit unions differ from other financial institutions because we are owned by the members we serve and are committed to the philosophy of people helping people. Every year, credit unions demonstrate a commitment to the community served through donations and community engagements to make a viable difference in the lives of members and community residents. ArrowPointe FCU takes very seriously our commitment to the betterment and education of the residents of York County, Lancaster County and S.E. Chester Counties (Great Falls). Therefore, the essay topics are focused on researching creative ways to develop prosperous communities and financially savvy members. Please select one of the following topics for your essay.

1. If you were CEO of a credit union, what new program would you launch to help people save money? How would you get the word out about it?
2. Describe the basic principles of budgeting and making smart money decisions. How does your credit union assist with those decisions?
3. What's a financial lesson or experience that's impacted you or your family? How did this shape your financial understanding or well-being?

Letters of Recommendation:

Please submit two letters of recommendation from a non-family member. Please remember to have them state their name and telephone number/e-mail address (for verification purposes only), occupation, relation to the applicant, how long they have known the applicant and any qualifications or special recognition that makes the applicant a good candidate for the scholarship.

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Authorization and Submission Statement

Please check all the information contained in this application for its accuracy.

I hereby submit my application for consideration by the ArrowPointe FCU Scholarship Selection Committee. I authorize ArrowPointe FCU to verify any information contained in this application.

Date

Signature of Student (Required)

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (Required)

Date

Signature of Guidance Counselor or Advisor (Required)