

Step 5 ATTACH ESSAY

Please write an essay, 400 words minimum not to exceed 500 words explaining your position on the following topic:

How would you convince your peers to join Columbia Credit Union?

(Please type your essay on one side of an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper to insure legibility. Spelling and grammar will be considered in judging. Creativity is highly encouraged. Handwritten applications will not be considered.)

Step 6 SELECTION

A selection committee made up of members of Columbia Credit Union's management team 2 members of the staff and 2 members of the Board of Directors will select the scholarship winners. The decision of the committee will be final and is not subject to review.

The final decision on the selection will be based on the applicant's creativity in the essay, grammar, spelling, and completion of the application form. Furthermore, the committee will consider applicant's noteworthy achievements, honors received, involvement in community activities, community or school memberships and extracurricular activities.

In determining the scholarship recipient, the four requirements will be weighted as follows:

400 words min/500 word essay	50%
School activities	20%
Civic Activities	20%
Noteworthy achievements/honors	<u>10%</u>
Total	100%

A member of the scholarship selection committee will notify the scholarship winner of the award and also notify the high school that he/she is graduating from.

A list of the scholarship winners will be posted on the Columbia Credit Union's website after the judging process is complete. Non-winners will not be notified.

Step 7 DEADLINE

All applications must be **completed and received by May 13, 2023**, for consideration. Scholarship applications postmarked after this date will not be considered. Do not fax or e-mail your application.

Mail applications to: Jennifer M. Archuleta
Columbia Credit Union
310 E. Walnut Street
Columbia, MO 65201

Step 8 CERTIFICATION

All of the information provided by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information supplied on this form if required. My signature certifies that all the information is complete, factually correct and honestly represented. Falsification of information on this application could jeopardize any assistance offered. The applicant understands that the essay and form become the property of Columbia Credit Union.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

I hereby affirm that I intend to enter an accredited school of higher education. I understand that no scholarship funds shall be transmitted to any educational institution until there is notification from the Registrar of the college or university or accredited trade school in which I am enrolled. Additionally, I hereby grant permission for the use of my name, picture and information contained in my application in any future publicity.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

NOTICE: This application, including transcripts, essays, and all other requested documentation, must be

received no later than **April 30, 2021**, at the following address:

Selection Committee
Columbia Credit Union
310 E. Walnut Street
Columbia, MO 65201

The application and related documents must be submitted **together in one package**. Applications that are incomplete, unsigned, or lacking requested documentation, will not receive scholarship consideration.