

2016 Local Government Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Application Information and Instructions



Please read all instructions carefully. Incomplete applications will be withdrawn from consideration. All applicants must be members of Local Government Federal Credit Union in good standing.

The Program

The Local Government Federal Credit Union (LGFCU) Scholarship recognizes excellence and achievement in both academics and extracurricular activities and is designed to help college students pay for educational expenses. As many as 120 graduating high school students and students currently attending colleges, universities and graduate students will receive awards. Scholarship recipients are determined by:

- Grade-point average (GPA)
- Leadership
- Community service
- School activities
- Written essay

Financial need is also a consideration. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,000 and provided to the recipient's institution.

- No funds are distributed to the students
- Funds are being awarded for the 2016-2017 school year and cannot be deferred

Each recipient is responsible for ensuring the funds are applied appropriately with their respective institution. This includes tuition, books, computer or other fees.

Eligibility

All applicants must be members of LGFCU in good standing, and must have an individual share account or hold a joint share account with a parent. For information on how to become a member, visit www.lgfcu.org/join. Beneficiaries of UTMA accounts are not considered members of LGFCU. LGFCU employees, directors and/or family members are not eligible.

Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited college, university or community college on a full-time basis, and show proof of acceptance before the distribution of funds. Full-time undergraduate students are enrolled in at least 12 credit hours, and full-time graduate students are enrolled in at least six credit hours. Applicants must have achieved an

overall unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher to be eligible. Students who have taken classes at **more than one** high school or college/university must supply all transcripts. Graduate students must submit their undergraduate and graduate transcript(s). Failure to do so will result in disqualification. The overall GPA in this instance will be determined by placing more emphasis on the school that was attended the longest.

All qualified applicants may reapply each year. Previous recipients will not automatically receive a scholarship nor will they be considered for the scholarship without submitting a new application.

Submitting Your Application

1. After downloading this document, make sure the application is filled out completely, including the written essay. The Supplemental Request for Financial Assistance on Page 6 is optional.
2. Gather transcript(s). Graduating high school seniors and college freshmen are required to submit their high school transcript(s). Undergraduate and graduate students are required to submit their college transcript(s).

You have the ability to save this document to your personal computer so the application form can be completed in multiple sessions. LGFCU recommends using the latest version of the free Adobe Reader to ensure all features work properly. You can download the free reader at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

Late applications will not be considered. No exceptions will be made. The application must be submitted no later than midnight, **March 4, 2016**.

Address: LGFCU Scholarship
323 West Jones Street, Suite 600
Raleigh, NC 27603

2016 LGFCU Scholarship Application



Please read the instructions, then complete this application (print or type only) as accurately as possible and send by mail to LGFCU. **Completed applications must be postmarked and mailed no later than March 4, 2016. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. NO exceptions will be made.**

STEP 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT'S NAME _____ APPLICANT'S PHONE (HOME OR CELL) _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (Required, but kept confidential) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

APPLICANT'S LGFCU ACCOUNT NUMBER
(Note, applicant must have an individual account or hold a joint account with a parent)

STEP 2 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Please indicate type of full-time enrollment of applicant: (Please refer to eligibility section on page 1 for definition of full-time.)

Entire academic year Spring semester only Fall semester only Other _____

NAME OF UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE _____ MAJOR/DEGREE PROGRAM _____

STEP 3 ATTACH COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT TRANSCRIPT

College freshmen **must** include high school transcripts, as well as college transcripts from all colleges/universities attended. If both high school and college transcripts are not received, the application will be incomplete and removed from consideration. Graduate students **must** include their undergraduate and graduate transcript(s). An **unweighted GPA of 3.0** is required for consideration of a scholarship.

Current level of education:

High school senior College freshman College sophomore College junior College senior Graduate student

Please check the box on the last page of the application if **transcript(s)** are being sent separately. **Failure to do so will be considered an incomplete application and will be withdrawn from consideration.**

STEP 4 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

College students may include activities or clubs with which they were involved in high school; however, please distinguish them with parentheses. Or, offer an explanation for lack of participation in school activities.

List the most important school activities with which you were involved, your level of participation and leadership roles (attach an additional sheet if needed):

Activity/Club	Length of participation (Minimum 1 year)	Role in group
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Which of these school activities was most important to you? Explain why:

STEP 5 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List the most important community activities with which you were involved, your level of participation and leadership roles; or offer an explanation for lack of participation in community activities (attach an additional sheet if needed):

Activity/Club	Length of participation (Minimum 1 year)	Role in group
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Which of these community activities was most important to you? Explain why:

STEP 6 CURRENT OR PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

List any jobs you had or still have through high school and/or college:

Employer	Dates	Responsibilities
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

STEP 7 WRITTEN ESSAY

Please write an essay, not to exceed 300 words, explaining your position on the following topic. This essay must be typed. Use a separate sheet of paper with your name at the top left.

Please research the Seven Cooperative Principles of Credit Unions. The LGFCU Scholarship Program is funded by credit union members who believe in these principles. How are you going to give back to your community, in the spirit of these principles, as a result of your college education?

Additional inquiry (Optional): What do you consider to be the most important services offered by a credit union, and why?

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 provided is complete, factually correct and honestly represented. Falsification of information on this application could jeopardize any assistance offered.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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Supplemental Request for Financial Assistance (Optional)



If you are interested in being considered for a scholarship based on financial need, in addition to scholastic achievement, please provide the following information.

Total household taxable income: \$ _____
(From most recent federal tax forms
where student is claimed as dependent)

Estimated funds available:

Scholarships confirmed \$ _____

College financial aid \$ _____

Savings \$ _____

Expected family contribution \$ _____

Total funds available \$ _____

Will you be working to help pay for education expenses?

Yes No

If yes, please estimate your weekly income. \$ _____

Total number of dependents in household: _____
(Claimed on same federal tax forms as above)

Number of **these** dependents enrolled in college: _____
(please include yourself)

Include an explanation describing your need for financial assistance:

To ensure your application is received by the deadline, we suggest you send it via certified mail with a return receipt. For questions regarding the application process, please contact LGFCU at 800.344.4846 or by email at scholarships@lgfcu.org.

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323 West Jones Street, Suite 600
Raleigh, NC 27603

Deadline: March 4, 2016

Application Checklist

The following required documents are enclosed:

- An original completed, signed application
- Essay, not to exceed 300 words
- High school transcript(s)
Required for graduating high school seniors and college freshmen
- College transcript(s)
Required for all undergraduate and graduate students

If any items checked in this section are not enclosed, the application will be considered **incomplete** and withdrawn from consideration.

The following required documents are forthcoming under separate cover:

- High school transcript(s), which have been requested
Required for graduating high school seniors and college freshmen
- College transcript(s), which have been requested
Required for all undergraduate and graduate students
- College acceptance letter(s) from an accredited school (if applicable)
If student has not received an acceptance letter(s), he/she must provide written notice and forward the acceptance letter(s) upon receipt

If any items checked in this section are not received by the deadline, the application will be considered **incomplete** and withdrawn from consideration. It is your responsibility to follow up with your school to ensure that the documents are sent in a timely manner.