



Scholarship Program

Abri Credit Union believes strongly in giving back to our members and the communities we serve. Abri Credit Union's Scholarship Program has been established to recognize, reward and help make possible the pursuit of higher education by members.

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded-- One to a graduating high school senior, one to an existing higher education student.

Who Is Eligible?

- You are eligible to apply if you or your parent(s) have been an Abri Credit Union member in good standing for 6 months prior to the date of your application. Your accounts (checking, ATM, savings, etc.) must be in good standing with no delinquent or charge off loans.

- a graduating high school senior, who plans on attending an accredited college, university or vocational school full-time for 2016-2017. A check will be cut to the institution once the student has been accepted.

Or

- a full-time student currently enrolled in an accredited college, university or vocational school for 2016-2017

- minimum GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 or 3.5 out of 5.0 or higher

Abri board members and employees and their immediate families are not eligible. Students who have previously won the Abri scholarship in each category above will not be eligible to win.

How Are Recipients Selected?

ACU scholarships will be awarded to members who submit the best:

500 word essay

Or

60-second video/commercial

that conveys a clear, clever message of their financial knowledge on one of the following topics:

- What do you wish someone would have told you before you started managing money?

- What 3 qualities do you think are important for a financial institution to have?

- What are some ways you could cut back in order to save money?

If one chooses to create a video, we will not judge the quality of the production, but the message itself.

Distribution of Award

ACU will award the \$1,000 scholarships in the form of a cashier's check payable to the student and the school. Winners will be notified by email on Feb 15, 2016.

How to Apply

You are required to submit a completed application, transcript, letters of recommendation, and either a 60-second video or a 500 word essay. You can complete the application and upload documentation online at idmyway.com. A PDF of the application is also available online and can be printed and mailed, along with your documentation and video/essay to:

Abri Credit Union
Scholarship Committee
1350 W. Renwick Rd.
Romeoville, IL 60446

Please make certain to answer all information. Only complete applications will be considered. Applications must be completed online or postmarked and received by Abri Credit Union by **January 29, 2016**.

Questions

Contact: Morgan Zinkie (815-267-7732)
mzinkie@abricu.com



College Scholarship Application

To be eligible for this scholarship you or your parent(s) must have been an Abri Credit Union member in good standing for 6 months prior to the date of your application.

Applicant Information *(Only complete applications will be considered.)*

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____ email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

ACU Member Information (if different than applicant):

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Education Information *(Must submit your high school or accredited college, university or vocational school transcript)*

High School/College _____ Graduation Date _____

GPA _____

Class Rank (if applicable) _____ / _____

Name of accredited post-secondary school you will attend/are attending: _____

City _____ State _____

2 Year Community/Junior College 4 Year College/University Vocational/Technical

Field of Study _____ Date of Entrance _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

Recommendations

Your application must include two written recommendations from persons not related to you. We prefer that one be a teacher or counselor at your school. Please list your two references and their occupation/relationship to you.

1. _____ Occupation/Relationship _____

2. _____ Occupation/Relationship _____

Your choice of either a video or an essay

- Video

Please submit a 60-second video/commercial on one of the three topics listed below. Video format guidelines: File size limit is 300 MB. Acceptable file formats are .MPG; .MOV; .AVI; .WMV. *The video will not be judged on the quality of the production, but the message itself.*

- Essay

Please submit a 500 word essay on one of the three topics listed below. Essay format guidelines: double spaced, 1" margins, 12 point Times New Roman font, 500 words or approximately 2 pages in length. No longer than 700 words, approximately 3 pages in length.

- 1.) What do you wish someone would have told you before you started managing money?
- 2.) What 3 qualities do you think are important for a financial institution to have?
- 3.) What are some ways you could cut back in order to save money?

The information provided in this Scholarship Application is true and complete. I authorize Abri Credit Union's Scholarship Committee to verify or obtain further information that the committee may deem necessary concerning my Scholarship application. I understand that this application and video or essay will be retained by the Scholarship Committee whether or not I am awarded a scholarship. I also understand that the decision of Abri Credit Union's Scholarship Committee is final.

I, _____, hereby grant that Abri Credit Union is authorized to use my name, picture, video/essay, or any reproduction of myself for editorial or commercial purposes. Permission is hereby granted to make changes or alterations to the video/essay. I understand that this video/essay will become the property of Abri Credit Union and that they can use the concept for future ads for the credit union and/or use the video/essay in the future. The video/essay can be used by the Credit Union for publicity purposes and may be shared through various outlets, including YouTube, Facebook, and the Internet.

The undersigned warrants that he/she is at least 18 years old. If the undersigned has not reached legal age, please include a parent or guardian signature.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ (if necessary) Date _____

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Thank you for applying for Abri Credit Union's Scholarship Program. We will contact you by Feb 15, 2016 if you have been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.



College Scholarship Recommendation

You have been asked to submit a letter of recommendation on behalf of this applicant for the Abri Credit Union College Scholarship. Please use this form as a guide when writing your letter of reference or you may simply answer these questions. The letter of recommendation must be returned with the student's application by January 29, 2016.

Name of Scholarship Applicant:

How do you know the Applicant?

Comment on the Applicant's personal character:

What characteristics do you consider his/her greatest attributes?

How would you rate on a scale of 1-5 (5 highest) the Applicant's potential for future personal achievement? Why?

Any additional comments:

Prepared by: _____ **Occupation** _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Daytime Phone _____