



# 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 has been accepted as a full-time student at an accredited college, university or vocational school for 2014-2015

**Or**

- a full-time student currently enrolled in an accredited college, university or vocational school for 2014-2015

- 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.

## How Are Recipients Selected?

ACU scholarships will be awarded to members who submit the best 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 handling 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?

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 May 5, 2014.

## How to Apply

You are required to submit a completed application, transcript, 60-second video and letters of recommendation. You can complete the application and upload documentation online at [idmyway.com](http://idmyway.com). A PDF of the application is also available online and can be printed and mailed, along with your documentation and video 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 **April 7, 2014**.

## Questions

Contact: Carlene Amwoza (815) 409-4806  
[camwoza@abricu.com](mailto:camwoza@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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Video

Please submit a 60-second video/commercial on one of the following topics: 1.) What do you wish someone would have told you before you started handling 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? 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.*

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 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 or any reproduction of myself for editorial or commercial purposes. Permission is hereby granted to make changes or alterations to the video. I understand that this video 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/commercial in the future. The video/commercial 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**All complete scholarship applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than April 7, 2014. Please submit a completed application, transcript, 60-second video and letters of recommendation. You can complete the application and upload documentation online at [idmyway.com](http://idmyway.com). A PDF of the application is also available online and can be printed and mailed, along with your documentation and video to: Abri Credit Union, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 1350 W. Renwick Rd., Romeoville, IL 60446.**

Thank you for applying for Abri Credit Union's Scholarship Program. We will contact you by May 5, 2014 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 April 7, 2014.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_