# 2013 Scholarship Application

SIU Credit Union is offering six $750 scholarships to SIU Credit Union Members for the 2013-2014 academic year.

## Applicant Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a SIU Credit Union member in good standing, or the applicant’s legal guardian must be a SIU Credit Union member in good standing, and maintain that membership status throughout the duration of the award to apply for the scholarship. A member in good standing is defined as one with a minimum balance of $5 in her or her account and no loan delinquencies. Membership is open to any of the following individuals:
   - Anyone who lives or works in Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Perry, Marion, Randolph, Saline, Massac, Union, or Williamson counties in Illinois.
   - Immediate family members of existing members (parents, spouse, children, siblings, grandchildren, or grandparents).
2. Applicant must be A) a graduating high school senior that will be attending a college or university or B) an undergraduate student attending a college or university.
3. Applicant must fully complete the Scholarship Application and return it to SIUCU with all appropriate support material by the April 30, 2013 deadline for the application to be considered by the committee.
4. SIU Credit Union employees, committee members, board members and their immediate family members are not eligible.

## Application Instructions

1. All parts of the application must be completed and signed. Incomplete or unsigned applications will be deemed ineligible. All information included in the application will be treated as confidential.
2. A completed application consists of:
   - Application form
   - Copy of the applicant's high school or college transcript for the most recent year.
   - Letter of recommendation prepared by a school official who is close to the applicant through class work or extracurricular activities OR by an employer/supervisor of the applicant.
   - Essay, not to exceed one page in length (typed or legibly written).
3. Submit the completed application to any SIU Credit Union branch or mail to:
   SIU Credit Union
   Attn: Scholarships
   PO Box 2888
   Carbondale, IL 62902
4. Mailed applications must be **postmarked by April 30, 2012**. Materials postmarked after this date will not be considered.

## Award Disbursements

1. Scholarship recipients will be notified in May 2013 and will be announced to the rest of the Credit Union membership in a future publication.
2. A check will be made payable to the recipient and to the school. The check will be presented to the recipients during a May presentation.
Graduating High School Senior  or  Undergraduate Student

I. INFORMATION

Name __________________________________________  SIUCU Account Number _____________________________

Address ______________________________________ City __________________________ State ____________ Zip ______________
Phone ________________________________________ Email _______________________________________________________

High school/college you currently attend ____________________________________________________________________________________

II. SCHOOL/WORK/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

• Include a copy of your high school or college transcript for the most recent year with your application.

• Include a letter of recommendation prepared by a school official who is close to you through class work or extracurricular activities OR by an employer/supervisor with your application.

• List organizations and affiliations to which you belong: (ex. Community, Church, School, Work)

Include dates of service and what contributions you made to each organization. Please list your top 7 activities ONLY.

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III. EDUCATION
List your educational plans (Include the name of the school you will be attending.)

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I have applied. □ I have been accepted. □ I am attending.

Field of Study or Major ___________________________ Minor ___________________________

Degree(s) Held ___________________________________________________________

What would be your ideal job once you have completed your education? Why?

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IV. ACHIEVEMENTS
List any awards received and/or positions of leadership held

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V. FINANCIAL NEED
**Please check the appropriate box.

□ Applicant is self-supporting
   Employer __________________________________________ Position / Title ____________________________

□ Applicant is married
   Spouse’s Name ________________________________ Employer ________________________________
   Position / Title ________________________________

□ Applicant dependent on parents or guardians for financial support
   Father’s Name __________________________________ Employer ________________________________
   Position / Title ________________________________
   Mother’s Name __________________________________ Employer ________________________________
   Position / Title ________________________________
Number Living in Household __________________
(including dependent children in college)

Household Gross Income

- ☐ Less than $24,999
- ☐ $25,000 to $49,999
- ☐ $50,000 to $74,999
- ☐ $75,000 to $99,999
- ☐ $100,000 to $149,999
- ☐ Above $150,000

Special Circumstances

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VI. WRITTEN ESSAY
On a separate sheet of paper, please answer ONE of the following sets of questions in an essay with a maximum length of one page. Your essay must be typed or legibly written to be considered.

1. Describe the impact attending college will have on your future. What do you hope to achieve by going to college? How will your future be impacted by getting your degree? How do you see your college aspiration and future career benefiting the community at large?

2. Describe an obstacle or difficult life experience you had to overcome. How did you overcome it? How did the experience make you change or grow in a positive way? What advice would you give others that have endured a similar hardship?

3. Describe what being financially responsible means to you. What are you doing now to reach your future financial goals? How can SIU Credit Union help you and other college-aged students become more financially responsible?

VII. CERTIFICATION
I certify that all information provided on this application and all supporting documents are accurate and complete. I understand that any misleading or false information will result in my application being disqualified. If selected as a scholarship winner, I give full consent for the use of my name and likeness to be used for promotional and publicity purposes. I understand that the decision of the SIU Credit Union's Scholarship Committee is final.

Applicant Signature __________________________________________ Date __________________________

Signature of a Parent or Legal Guardian is required for applicants under age 18:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature ______________________________________________________________
Print Name __________________________________________ Date __________________________

How did you hear about the SIU Credit Union Scholarship Program?

- ☐ School
- ☐ Internet Search
- ☐ SIUCU Website
- ☐ SIUCU Branch
- ☐ SIUCU Newsletter
- ☐ Facebook/Twitter
- ☐ Other (please explain): _________________________________________________________________