



## **iQ Credit Union Scholarship Application**

### **About the Program**

College comes with big books, big lecture halls, and big amounts of homework. These days, it also comes with a big price tag. iQ Credit Union is happy to help by offering several scholarships each year. These scholarships are available to area high school, college, and community college students. Applications are typically available in January each calendar year.

iQ Credit Union is proud to award several scholarships to help support the continued education of students. The following scholarships are available to high school, college, and community college students:

- Two graduating seniors entering college will each receive \$2,000.
- One college student working towards a baccalaureate, Master's degree, Associate of Arts or Sciences will receive \$2,000.
- Two students selected by the committee from the pool of applicants will each receive \$2,000 as the Committee's Choice Scholarship.

### **Eligibility**

All existing primary members of the Credit Union are eligible, regardless of their residence. The applicant must be the primary member on the account (first person named) to be considered. Incoming, existing and returning students all qualify as eligible scholarship candidates. Recipients must use the scholarship to attend a licensed/certified program. Credit Union employees, board members, audit committee members and their immediate family, and immediate past recipients will be ineligible for these scholarships.

### **Scholarship Requirements**

- Must be a primary member of iQ Credit Union prior to applying for scholarship.
- Be a graduating high school senior or have completed high school equivalency.
- Be enrolling at a community college or 4-year university for the fall of 2018 as either a freshman or continuing student.
- Have a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Plan to enroll as a full-time student (12 credits or more per quarter, or 13 credits or more per semester) for the upcoming academic year.
- Be intent upon completing an academic transfer, baccalaureate or graduate program, depending upon the scholarship for which the application is being considered.

### **Application Requirements**

To be considered complete, applications must include the following:

- All information must be accurate, complete, and application agreement must be accepted.
- Essay #1, not to exceed 500 words describing your educational goals. Educational goals must state the reason that you made your career choice, the qualifications you feel you have, and how you plan to meet the cost of your education.
- Essay #2, not to exceed 500 words outlining your top five accomplishments within the last four years in chronological order. These five achievements can include honors, awards, leadership and extracurricular school, and civic or volunteer activities. Explain how long you have participated in these activities, how each accomplishment benefited you, and how they prepared you for the future goals and your career path. Longevity of accomplishments will be considered in the final evaluation.



- Attach only two iQ recommendation forms from professional references. For example, instructors, academic counselors, employers, etc. One reference must be from a recent instructor or academic counselor. The quality of these recommendations will also be considered.
- Entrance Examination Board School Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Testing (ACT), or ASSET scores. If you are a student who has not been in school recently and don't have test scores, or if the college you will be attending does not require that you take these exams, please include a statement to explain your circumstances.
- **Official academic transcripts for all schools attended** must be received by mail or dropped off at any iQ Credit Union location by the deadline. Official transcripts must be sealed in an envelope from the Registrar's Office. Please mail to iQ Credit Union, Attn: Miranda Kerr PO Box 1739 Vancouver, WA 98668.
- Photo of yourself to be used in printed and web publications if awarded a scholarship.
- Applicant is responsible to turn in all components by the deadline: March 10, 2018.
- Failure to comply with any of these requirements will result in disqualification, and the application will not be considered. There will be no deadline exceptions.

## How to Apply

Applications can be submitted online, in person at any iQ Credit Union location, or by mail to iQ Credit Union, Attention Miranda Kerr, PO Box 1739, Vancouver, WA 98668. If submitting via the online application, please print the recommendation forms required, have them completed, and email a digital copy to [Miranda.Kerr@iqcu.com](mailto:Miranda.Kerr@iqcu.com) along with a digital copy of your SAT, ACT, or ASSET scores, Essays, and Photo. OFFICIAL academic transcripts will still need to be mailed or dropped off at any iQ Credit Union location by the deadline.

## Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed and judged by the Scholarship Committee. The iQ Credit Union Scholarship Committee will select five recipients for scholarships. The primary intent of the Committee is to discover well-rounded and education-oriented individuals, and assist them in advancing their educational goals. Financial need is not a criterion; but if a student is already a winner of a full scholarship, or has a congressional appointment to a military academy where further award will not be meaningful, application should not be submitted. Scholarship applications in each area will be pooled and judged against one another. Life experience will be a contributing factor. Scholarship recipients are selected without regard to race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, veteran status, sex, or handicap.

- Judging will be conducted by a panel of judges selected from iQ Credit Union members.
- The committee will evaluate your full application on content, ability to follow direction, grammar, recommendations, academic background, and overall impression.
- The Committee's Choice Award recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Committee from the two scholarship categories.
- Each scholarship will be paid to the school of your choice upon verified registration and enrollment.
- Winners will provide a photo to iQ which they have agreed to have used for promotional purposes.
- Winners will be contacted and will be announced on the web and iQ e-newsletter in May 2018.
- All scholarship entries become the exclusive property of iQ Credit Union, and will not be returned.
- All decisions of the Credit Union Scholarship Committee are final.
- Submitted applications and official transcripts are due by Saturday, March 10, 2018. Applications for the 2018-2019 academic year are accepted January 9, 2018 through March 10, 2018. iQ will announce scholarship recipients in May 2018.



## iQ Credit Union Scholarship Application

Name:	_____
Email:	_____
Address:	_____
City, State, Zip:	_____
Phone number:	_____
Parent/Legal Guardian:	_____
	(Name, address, phone number)

Are you a US Citizen?	_____
Please check the box of the scholarship you are applying for:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Graduating HS senior
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled college student
Name of High School attended:	_____
High School graduation date:	_____
College attending/planning to attend:	_____
Major area of study:	_____
What year of school will you be entering into?	_____
Have you attended college as a Running Start student?	_____
If yes, how many credits do you have?	_____
Present employer:	_____
	(Position, employer, average weekly hours)

I certify this information is true, complete, and accurate. I authorize the release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. I agree to abide by the decisions of iQ Credit Union Scholarship Committee and understand that the decisions of the Committee will be final and not open to contest. If I am awarded the scholarship, I hereby grant iQ Credit Union to use my student identification number for use of dispersing funds, and give permission to use my name and photograph in printed and web publications without compensation.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach your essays (2), ACT/ASSET/SAT scores, recommendations (2), and sealed copy of official transcripts. All complete applications must be received online, or at any iQ Credit Union branch location **by March 10, 2018.**