



Scholarship Program

Purpose

The purpose of the First Abilene FCU Scholarship program is to provide a means to recognize academic excellence, leadership and social awareness provided by our young adult members. These individuals are our future leaders of tomorrow and we believe in the potential inherent in each of them. First Abilene FCU is proud to invest in our future.

Eligibility

First Abilene FCU will award two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who show leadership, social awareness and academic achievement. To be eligible to apply for the scholarship you must meet the following criteria :

- Be an active member of First Abilene FCU for at least 3 months with an account in good standing,
- Be a graduating high school senior,
- Demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and social awareness,
- Provide verification of acceptance at an accredited college, trade school or university for the Summer or Fall 2010 Semester.

FAFCU staff, officials or family members are not eligible.

Application Process and Deadlines

A completed scholarship application packet must be in the possession of First Abilene FCU by **6:00 p.m., March 31, 2010.**

- A typed or neatly printed fully completed application;
- A certified copy of your latest academic transcript reflecting a cumulative GPA;
- A signed Letter of Recommendation from a non-family member;
- An essay based on one of the following topics
(minimum 250 word, maximum 400 word, typed, double spaced)

You are responsible for marketing First Abilene FCU to the young adults of your community. How would you market the value of being a member and what communication channels would you utilize to reach the young adult market?

OR

Give examples of at least two financial products or services offered by First Abilene FCU and how they can benefit young adults. Comment on any recommendations you may have for the credit union to better serve its young adult members.



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Application can be mailed to : **First Abilene FCU**
Attn: Sheila Kidd
1118 Pine St
Abilene Texas 79601

Or delivered to either of our branch locations: **1118 Pine Street** or **3324 Catclaw Drive**

All application information must be in the possession of First Abilene FCU by the above stated deadline. Applications that are late, incomplete or not in accordance with the instructions will not be eligible for consideration.

Award Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee composed of First Abilene FCU members. Awards will be based on the following criteria:

- 30 % - GPA
- 10% - Honors and Awards
- 15% - Employment and Community Service
- 15% - Leadership and Extracurricular Activities (including sports)
- 5% - Short Answer
- 25% - Essay

The two individuals with the highest scores will each be awarded a \$500 scholarship. The scholarship winners will be announced at the annual meeting held April 13, 2010.



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Leadership and Extracurricular Activities
List 6 maximum

| Activity / Sport | Role in this activity / sport | Years |
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Short Answer: Describe your educational and career goals ? (50 – 75 words)

I certify that the above information is true and accurate. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. I consent to publicity involving name and image should I be selected for a scholarship. I understand that all materials submitted become the property of First Abilene FCU.

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| Applicant Signature | Date |
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Scholarship Application Checklist

Use this checklist to complete your application. All required information must be submitted with this application. Materials sent separately will not be considered. Your qualifications will not be considered if it is incomplete

- Complete all sections of the application.
- Sign the application on page 2.
- Include your Letter of Recommendation from a non-family member with the application.
- Include a certified copy of your latest academic transcript reflecting a cumulative GPA.
- Include your Essay. A typed, double spaced, 250 – 400 word, essay entitled, “Why Is Creating Good Credit Now, Important For My Future Financial Goals ?”
- Keep a copy of the completed application for your files.

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