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2021-2022 Ascentra Credit Union Scholarship Program Entry Form

Which scholarship type are you applying for (select one):

- Traditional student (high school student planning to enter college)
- Non-traditional student (age 19 or over planning to attend higher education)
- Vocational or trades student (any member planning on attending a vocational school or college with a trades program)

Name: _____
First MI Last

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

High School Graduation Date (Expected date if still enrolled): _____

College(s) or Vocational School Planning to Attend: _____

Sworn Statement

I swear that the attached essay is my original work, and all other personal information included above or on my resume is accurate and true. I understand the essay and resume become the property of Ascentra Credit Union. It may be used in cooperation with promotional activities or other uses deemed appropriate by Ascentra Credit Union.

I have verified that I have an account in my own name at Ascentra Credit Union and am in good standing. I, by signing below, give Ascentra Credit Union permission to use my name and photo in promotional activities related to the scholarship competition, if I am selected the winner.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

All entries must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2022.

Send the entry form, essay, and resume' to:

Scholarship Competition, Ascentra Credit Union

P.O. Box 1107, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0019

If you have any additional questions, please call us at (563) 459-6909

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Scholarship Program Rules, Regulations and Entry Procedures

Ascentra Credit Union offers fifteen \$1,000 scholarships to assist members planning to further their education beyond high school.

The scholarships are as follows:

- Five, \$1,000 scholarships awarded to high school student members planning to enter college.
- Five, \$1,000 scholarships awarded to non-traditional student members age 19 or over planning to attend higher education.
- Five \$1,000 scholarships awarded to any member entering vocational school or college with trade program.

I. Eligibility

- A. The high school scholarship is open to any high school student classified as either a junior or senior who is a member, with a projected graduation at the completion of the following fall or spring semester.

The non-traditional scholarship will be awarded to a member age 19 years or older entering an accredited undergraduate or graduate program.

The vocational or trades scholarship will be awarded to any member entering a vocational school or college as a student in a trades program.

- B. Entrants must have an account established in their own name and be "members in good standing" at Ascentra Credit Union.
- C. Ascentra Credit Union directors, employees and their family members are **ineligible** to participate in the scholarship competition.

II. Entry Requirements

- A. Entrants are required to write an essay of approximately 500 words regarding the following topic: **"How can credit unions best assist individuals or businesses that were most impacted by the pandemic?"**

The essay must be typed or computer printed, double spaced on white 8-1/2 x 11 inch paper. It must be the original work of the entrant.

Entrants may use credit union reference materials and contact credit union officials for background information.

- B. A business-style resume, typewritten or computer printed on an 8-1/2 x 11-inch piece of white paper must be submitted by each entrant. No photos should be included.

The resume should not exceed two pages in length, and at a minimum, contain the following information:

- Entrant's name
- Address
- Phone number
- Educational information (including high school attended)
- Subjects emphasized throughout entrant's education
- Overall grade point average from the most recent two semesters or last three quarters
- ACT/SAT scores (if available)
- Honors and awards
- Extra-curricular activities
- Non-traditional entrants should submit any past college education, major or degree, and overall grade point average.

- C. Entrants must complete and sign an official entry form.
- D. All scholarship entries become the exclusive property of Ascentra Credit Union and will not be returned.
- E. All entries must be postmarked no later than the designated deadline, usually the first day of March.

III. Administrative/Award Procedures

- A. High school scholarship winners must begin studies within one year of graduation from high school or may be required to forfeit the award in the absence of extenuating circumstance.

Non-traditional scholarship winners must begin studies within one year after the award of the scholarship.

Vocational or trades scholarship winners must begin studies within one year after the award of the scholarship.

- B. High school winners must be enrolled as full-time students at any two-year or four-year college approved for the Guaranteed Student Loan program.

Non-traditional winners must be enrolled two-year or four-year college approved for the Guaranteed Student Loan program and is not required to be enrolled full-time.

Vocational or trades winners must be enrolled as full-time students at a vocational or trade school, or college in a trades-related program approved for the Guaranteed Student Loan program, if applicable.

- C. Scholarship funds will be held by Ascentra Credit Union until written verification is received from the college or vocational school registrar where the student is enrolled. At that time, the winner's share draft will be made payable to both the winner and the college and forwarded to the winner's college or vocational school.
- D. Funds are to be used only for tuition, room and board, books and educational or trade associated supplies.

IV. Authority of Ascentra Credit Union

- A. The credit union has ultimate authority to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness in the award of the scholarships.
- B. Any questions regarding the scholarship should be addressed in writing to the address mentioned below in Section V(C).

V. Judging

- A. Judges will be selected by Ascentra Credit Union. Results will be tabulated by credit union staff and declared. All decisions of Ascentra Credit Union are final. Winners will be announced in the July issue of *The Teller: Member News* printed newsletter, e-Newsletter, website, Ascentra social media and a news release will be made available to local media.
- B. Each judge will award a maximum of 60 points to the essay, a maximum of 20 points to the resume, and a maximum of 15 points to the profile/background.

Scores for the essay will be based on

- 1. originality
- 2. clarity
- 3. meaningful content
- 4. spelling
- 5. neatness
- 6. grammar and punctuation

The resume will be judged on the following:

- 1. presentation
- 2. potential of the student future success

Profile/Background

- 1. extracurricular activities
- 2. volunteer services
- 3. work experience

- C. All entries must be postmarked by the designated deadline on official entry form. Entries must be sent to:

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