Scholarship Application Instructions

To be eligible for consideration for a scholarship, the student who is applying must:

1. Be a member of one of the following Credit Unions: Summit Credit Union, Forsyth County Employees' Credit Union, NCFB Credit Union, United Chemi-Con Manufacturing Employees Credit Union, or The News & Observer Credit Union. The scholarship applicant must be a member. Being a joint member on a parent's or grandparent's account does not qualify.
2. Be enrolled, or expect to be enrolled, as a full-time student in an accredited community college, college, or university (two-year or four-year program) during the 2014 - 2015 school year.

Applicants will be evaluated by the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee based on the following criteria:

- **Demonstrated academic ability.** Applicants must submit transcripts of grades, including GPA. High school students must submit their most current high school transcripts and college students must submit their most current college transcript; college freshmen must also submit their high school transcript. A photocopy is acceptable.

- **Demonstrated writing ability.** Submit an original, 250-word essay on the topic listed in the application.

- **School Activities.** List all school activities you were involved in, including high school and college, if applicable, and be sure to list any leadership positions held. Explain which activity was most important to you, and why.

- **Community activities.** List all community activities you have been involved in and leadership positions. Explain which activity was most important to you, and why.

The last page of the application is optional and deals with financial assistance. Applicants interested in consideration for a scholarship based on financial need, in addition to scholastics, must provide the requested information.

Once the application is completed and signed, send all requested items (application, transcripts, essays, financial assistance request) together in one package. Applications will not receive consideration if incomplete, if documentation is missing, or if documentation arrives in separate mailings.

The application and requested documentation must be received no later than 6:00 p.m., March 14, 2014, in our administrative office at 8210 West Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27409. Do not drop off application information at any Summit branch office except at West Market Street in Greensboro.

Scholarship applicants and winners will be notified in May 2014 and checks will be forwarded to the student’s school of choice in July 2014. Funds awarded for the 2014 – 2015 school year may not be deferred.

If you have questions contact:

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336-662-6255
Scholarship Application -- Fall 2014

Please complete this application (PRINT OR TYPE ONLY) and return it to the address above no later than March 14, 2014.

Step 1 COMPLETE GENERAL INFORMATION

Your Name □ Mr. □ Ms. _____________________________________________
Your Address _______________________________________________________
City ___________________ State _______________ Zip Code _______________
Your Phone Number (___)_____-____ Social Security Number _____-____-_____
               (Home or Cell)                        (required, but kept confidential)
Date of Birth _______________ E-mail address ______________________________
Parent or Guardian Name __________________________ Phone (____)____-_____-

The student / applicant must be a member with their own account at one of the following Credit Unions to be eligible for consideration for a scholarship. Select one:
□ Summit CU □ Forsyth County Employees’ CU □ The News & Observer CU
□ NCFB CU □ United Chemi-Con MECU – select plant: □ Lansing □ Hillsville

The student’s / applicant’s Credit Union account number _________________

The applicant expects to be enrolled as a full-time student:
□ For the entire academic year □ Fall semester only
□ Spring semester only □ Other ____________________________
(The student’s full time status will be verified by the selected college or university.)

Step 2 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Name of College or University ___________________________________________
Major/Degree Program __________________________________________________
(High school seniors must attach a copy of their college acceptance letter or a written explanation if not yet received.)

Step 3 ATTACH COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES

College freshmen must include both high school and college transcripts.
Graduate students must include college senior year transcripts.

Current Level of Education (check one) □ High School Senior □ College Freshman
□ College Sophomore □ College Junior
□ College Senior □ Graduate Student

Name of school currently enrolled in ______________________________________
**Scholarship Application**

**Step 4  Complete for School Activities**

List school activities you were involved in, your level of participation, and leadership roles. College students may include high school activities, but distinguish those using parentheses ( ). Attach an additional sheet, if needed.

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Which school activities were most important to you? Explain why:

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**Step 5  Complete for Community Activities**

List community activities you were involved in, your level of participation, and leadership roles. Attach an additional sheet, if needed. If limited activity, include a note of explanation.

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Which community activities were most important to you? Explain why:

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Step 6 CURRENT OR PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT
List any jobs you have had through high school and into college:

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Step 7 ATTACH ESSAY & INQUIRY
Please write an essay, not to exceed 250 words, explaining your position on the following topic: (This section must be typed. Use a separate sheet of paper with your name at the top.)

What are your educational and career goals and how will this scholarship assist you in achieving them?

Additional inquiry (not included in the grading system): When you choose a financial institution, what services are most important, and why?

Step 8 CERTIFICATION
All of the information provided by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information supplied on this form, if required. My signature certifies that all the information provided is complete, factually correct, and honestly represented. Falsification of information on this application could jeopardize any assistance offered.

Signature of Applicant __________________________ Date ____________

I hereby affirm that I intend to enter an accredited school of higher education. I understand that no scholarship funds shall be transmitted to any educational institution until the Foundation receives notification from the Registrar of the college or university in which I am enrolled. Additionally, I hereby grant permission for the use of my name and information contained in my application in any future publicity for the Scholarship Fund.

Signature of Applicant __________________________ Date ____________

Notice: This application, including transcripts, essays, and all other requested documentation, must be received no later than March 14, 2014, at the address on page one of this application.

This application and related documents must be submitted together in one package. Application packages that are incomplete, unsigned, or lacking requested documentation, will not receive scholarship consideration.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
(Optional – complete only if you want to be considered for a needs-based scholarship.)

If you are interested in being considered for a scholarship based on financial need, in addition to scholastic achievement, please provide the following data.

Total Household Taxable Income: $______________
(From most recent Federal Tax forms where the student is claimed as dependent)

Estimated Funds Available:
Scholarships Confirmed: $______________
College Financial Aid: $______________
Savings: $______________
Expected Family Contribution: $______________

Total Funds Available: $______________

Will you be working to help pay for education expenses?
☑ Yes     ☐ No

If yes, please estimate your weekly income. $______________

Total number of dependents in household as claimed on the _____________ Federal Tax forms referred to above (include yourself)
Number of these dependents enrolled in college: _____________
(include yourself)

Include an explanation describing your need for financial assistance.
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