

## ***STAR USA Federal Credit Union Scholarship Eligibility Requirements***

- Applicant must be a high school senior and be/or become a member (must meet eligibility requirements for membership: live, work, worship, attend school in Kanawha, Putnam, Raleigh, Fayette, Nicholas, Cabell, Wayne and Lawrence (OH) counties or be an immediate family member of a current member regardless of their residence.) of STAR USA Federal Credit Union by February 29<sup>th</sup> 2008. Member number must be on the application at the time of submission or it will be deemed ineligible.
- Must be a graduating high school senior.
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.25.
- Applications must be received by February 29<sup>h</sup> 2008.
- STAR USA Federal Credit Union employees, board members and their immediate family members will be ineligible for said scholarships.
- Recipients must use the scholarship to attend a licensed/certified program. Scholarship awards will be made payable directly to the institution.
- Applicants must submit two recommendation forms. One must be from a professional (ie: instructor, academic counselor, or employer). Recommendation forms must be returned by the person making the recommendation either in the self-addressed return envelopes provided or by addressing it to the address below. Recommendation forms will not be accepted if they are included with the application at the time of submission. Recommendation forms must also be received by the deadline. ***There are NO deadline exceptions.***
- Applications will be reviewed and judged by a committee of employees of the West Virginia Credit Union League. The committee will evaluate your application on content, overall appearance, grammar and neatness. The decisions of the committee are FINAL.

***If you have any questions about this application, please call Steve Hewitt at 357-2319 or toll free at 1-800-628-2120, or email: [shewitt@starusafcu.com](mailto:shewitt@starusafcu.com)***

***The Credit Union Mailing address is: STAR USA Federal Credit Union  
One Cantley Drive  
Charleston, WV 25314  
[www.star.coop](http://www.star.coop)***

## ***Requirements:***

*To be complete, your application must include the following:*

1. The application form.
2. Academic transcripts must be attached for all schools attended. An unofficial transcript is acceptable for our purposes.
3. College Entrance Examination Board School Aptitude (SAT), American College Testing (ACT), or ASSET Scores.
4. A minimum 500-word essay (1,000 words maximum) on ***What is the importance or role of credit unions in the personal financial market place?***

### **And**

A maximum 500-word essay on ***How my credit union is important to me?***

5. List of community involvement activities.
6. Have two recommendation forms submitted in the envelopes provided from professional references: for example, instructors, academic counselors, employers, etc.
7. You must be a primary member (first person listed on account) of STAR USA Federal Credit Union before application is made for a scholarship.
8. Please staple information together. Binders or folders are not acceptable.
9. Failure to comply with any of the requirements will result in disqualification, and the application will not be considered.

## ***Selection***

Applications will be reviewed and judged by a committee of employees of the West Virginia Credit Union League. The primary intent of the committee is to discover well-rounded and education-oriented individuals and assist them in advancing their education.

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 made. Scholarship applications 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. Finalists may be interviewed. The decisions of the committee are FINAL.

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