



## First U.S. Scholarship Guidelines

The following guidelines will apply to the application and awarding of a \$1,000 scholarship:

**Existing Member Scholarship:** *applicant must be* a current high school senior, bound for college in the fall of 2015, or a student currently enrolled at a college, university or career college that will be enrolled to continue in the fall of 2015.

### Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must:

1. Be a First U.S. member in good standing
2. Be a graduating high school student or continuing college student
3. Maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 (on 4.0 scale)

### Application Requirements

1. A completed Scholarship Application
2. A personal statement essay (in 250 words or less) answering the following questions:
  - a. What life experiences or achievements have helped you get to this point in life?
  - b. What are your extra-curricular activities? What types of leadership positions have you held?
  - c. What is your intended academic curriculum?
  - d. How will you maximize the opportunities of higher education?
  - e. How will you apply what you have learned to your post-college plans and aspirations?
3. A certified copy of your transcript that must be certified by a school official
4. One letter of recommendation from a teacher

### Award Criteria

1. GPA: 25%
2. Personal Statement Essay: 20%
3. Honors and Awards: 15%
4. Employment and Community Service: 15%
5. Leadership and Extracurricular Activities: 15%
6. Current Events Question: 10%
7. **Acceptance into a community college, career college or four-year college or university for the 2015-2016 academic year**
8. **Full-time enrollment of 12 or more credits or units**

### Timelines

1. Scholarship Applications will be available at any First U.S. Branch location or at [firstus.org](http://firstus.org).
2. Completed applications must be received at the credit union by close of business on July 31, 2015.
3. Scholarships will be awarded after August 15, 2015. After confirmation of registration and acceptance at school, award checks will be made out to the college or the award recipient.

**DEADLINE: Must be received by July 31, 2015**



580 University Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825  
(916) 576-5700 or (800) 556-6768

## First U.S. Scholarship Application

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Applications must be received at First U.S. Community Credit Union by July 31, 2015. You must be a member of First U.S. as of the date that you submit the application as a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled college student in the 2015-2016 school year. Applications will not be returned and will become the property of First U.S. First U.S. officers, employees and their families are not eligible. The winning entries will be chosen at the discretion of First U.S. staff and may employ a committee of federal employee members. Illegible entries may be disqualified. Winners will be notified after August 15, 2015 by mail or phone and agree to have their names and photos published in First U.S. promotional materials. After confirmation of registration and/or acceptance at a two-year community college or a four-year college or university with 12 or more credits or units in classes, award checks will be issued to the award recipient or their school. Not valid where prohibited by law.

#### Please attach the following to this application:

1. A personal statement essay (in 250 words or less) answering the following questions:
  - a. What life experiences or achievements have helped you get to this point in life?
  - b. What are your extra-curricular activities? What types of leadership positions have you held?
  - c. What is your intended academic curriculum?
  - d. How will you maximize the opportunities of higher education?
  - e. How will you apply what you have learned to your post-college plans and aspirations?
2. A certified copy of your transcript that must be certified by a school official
3. One letter of recommendation from a teacher verifying your scholastic honors and awards, leadership, extracurricular activities, community involvement and employment, listed below

#### Where to mail your application:

First U.S. Community Credit Union, Student Scholarships, 580 University Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825

#### Where to personally deliver your application:

Any branch of First U.S. Community Credit Union

<b>Sacramento – Downtown</b> 1335 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814	<b>Rocklin/Roseville</b> 6843 Lonetree Boulevard Rocklin, CA 95765
<b>Sacramento – Arden/Arcade</b> 2150 Watt Avenue Sacramento, CA 95825	<b>Auburn</b> 424 Grass Valley Highway Auburn, CA 95603
<b>Sacramento – University</b> 580 University Avenue Sacramento, CA 95825	<b>Grass Valley</b> 2100 Nevada City Highway Grass Valley, CA 95945
<b>Sacramento – College-Glen</b> 3111 Wissemann Drive Sacramento, CA 95826	<b>Gold River</b> 2180 Golden Centre Lane #50 Gold River, CA 95670



Please initial here.

**I understand that I must be an existing First U.S. member when my application is submitted**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Applicant's name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ First U.S. Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or guardian's name (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently enrolled in advanced placement classes?  YES  NO If **yes**, please list weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

High school (if currently attending): \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Current (or planned) college or university name: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated major: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Please list scholastic, extracurricular and civic honors and awards during grades 9 through current year, starting with the most recent. State the nature of the award, e.g., 4-H, Best of Show, Dean's list, etc. Please do not abbreviate as we may not understand the meanings. Feel free to elaborate about the purpose of the award and why you received it in 25 words or less on a separate piece of paper.

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## EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please list jobs or volunteer duties you've performed over the past three years, starting with the most recent. Include baby-sitting and work for a family farm or business, even if you weren't paid. Feel free to elaborate about each of your jobs and community service experiences in 25 words or less on a separate piece of paper.

Is/was there a community service requirement to graduate at your high school?  YES  NO

If **yes**, please list the number of hours and type of work needed to fulfill this requirement \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer, Agency or Organization	Dates of Work or Service	Type of Work	No. of Hours Per Week	Part of Grad. Req.? Y/N

## LEADERSHIP AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please list and briefly describe your leadership roles and extracurricular activities, starting with the most recent, e.g., student government, swim team, math club. Feel free to elaborate about each role and activity in 25 words or less on a separate piece of paper.

Example:

<b>Grade</b> 12	Organization Name <i>Student Council</i>	Leadership Role and Year <i>Representative (11). President (12).</i>
<b>Year</b> '12	Responsibilities <i>Led bi-monthly council meetings: represented student body in Washington, D.C. (12); led fundraiser for homeless shelter (11 &amp; 12). See attachment.</i>	Hrs/Wk 2

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