

RELIANT COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

Donald K. Rhine College Scholarship Program

Scholarship Application Instructions

1. Eligible members must complete this application in its entirety. If any portion is incomplete or the required documents are not received by the deadline, the application will not be considered.
2. Essay responses must follow the specific instructions that are provided.
3. School activities, community service, and employment history must be complete using the forms provided. (Do not submit a résumé.)
4. All applicants are required to provide the following documentation:
 - **Two (2) written references** that specifically address how the applicant demonstrates the credit union philosophy of “people helping people.” These references may be from an individual such as an employer, teacher, extracurricular activity advisor, minister, or volunteer organization director. Original, signed reference letters should clearly state the writer’s relationship to the applicant.
 - **High school seniors** must provide an official high school transcript plus an official copy of the applicant’s SAT and/or ACT scores. (If required by the applicant’s high school, these may be sent directly from the high school guidance office to Reliant at the address below.)
 - **Currently enrolled college students or university students** must provide a copy of most recent college transcripts.
5. Completed scholarship applications and supporting documentation can be returned to any Reliant branch, scanned and emailed to scholarships@reliantcu.com or sent via mail to:

Reliant Community Credit Union
Attn: Casey Collins
PO Box 40
Sodus, NY 14551
6. Applications must be delivered or postmarked by March 10, 2014.
7. Scholarship winners will be notified on or before May 2, 2014.

Thank you for applying!



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Reliant Community Credit Union will award several \$1,500 and \$500 college scholarships to Reliant members who demonstrate the credit union philosophy of "people helping people," in honor of Reliant's founder, Donald K. Rhine.

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on their involvement in community service and volunteer activities, academic performance, and information provided through essay questions and references, in addition to their demonstration of the credit union philosophy of "people helping people." **Scholarship winners will be notified on or before May 2, 2014.**

Check the box to indicate your current status:

- A high school senior;
- A currently enrolled full-time college or university student; or
- An adult enrolling as a full-time college or university student

(If you are *not* a Reliant member, call 800-724-9282 to see if you are eligible to join.)

Application Item Checklist

- Two letters of reference
- Two typed essays
- Transcript
- SAT and/or ACT scores*
- All areas completed on application

Applicant Information

Applications will not be considered unless all information is complete and requested documentation is provided.

Name _____ High School _____ Graduation Date _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Preferred Telephone # _____ Reliant Account # _____

Class Rank* _____ of _____ SAT/ACT Scores* _____ High School GPA* _____ College GPA _____

Name of college or university you attend or plan to attend _____

College Major _____

Check the category that applies to you for the 2014/2015 school year: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Certification and Authorization

I certify that the information provided on this application is true, complete and accurate. I authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. If I am awarded a scholarship, Reliant Community Credit Union may use my name and/or photo for publicity purposes.

Student Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

(only necessary for students under 18)

**For high school students only.*

Application Deadline is March 10, 2014



Employment History

Name: _____

Please list your employment history for the past five years using this form.
(Make additional copies of form if necessary.)

Employer	Position	Responsibilities	Hours/Week	Dates Employed
<i>EXAMPLE: The ABC Co.</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Waiting on customers, dusting shelves</i>	<i>15 hrs. per wk.</i>	<i>7/11-present</i>

Essay Questions

Applicants must answer both questions.

It will be necessary to use additional sheets to answer the following questions. Be sure to follow the specific instructions for each question regarding topic and length.

Reminder: You must answer both questions.

1. Write a short essay of 50-100 words on your career and educational goals.
2. Write an essay that answers the following question (*12 point font, single space, no more than one page*):
How did you demonstrate the credit union philosophy of "people helping people" during 2013?

Transcript

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Please detach and give to your guidance counselor.

Name of student: _____ Date: _____

School: _____

Dear Counselor:

The above-named student is applying for a college scholarship from Reliant Community Credit Union. Each applicant is required to submit an official copy of their high school transcript (signed and sealed), as well as an official copy of their SAT and/or ACT scores. If your school's transcript includes the applicant's SAT/ACT scores, this will be accepted as well. **We appreciate your assistance in providing this information prior to the application deadline of March 10, 2014.**

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of your student.

Sincerely,

Scholarship Committee
Reliant Community Credit Union

Note: If possible, please return all information to the scholarship applicant upon completion. If you are required to *mail* transcript information, please send it to:

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Letter of Reference 1

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Name of student: _____ Date: _____

School: _____

The above-named student is applying for a college scholarship from Reliant Community Credit Union and is requesting a letter of reference. To help ensure that you include all relevant information in your letter, we have provided a checklist of requirements. Please make sure all boxes are checked before you submit your letter of reference.

The enclosed letter of reference:

- Is personalized to the student applicant.
- Includes specific examples of the applicant demonstrating the credit union's "people helping people" philosophy.
- Is signed and dated—and on letterhead (if appropriate).
- Clearly states the writer's relationship to the applicant.

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