

Donald K. Rhine College Scholarship Program 2017-2018

About the Donald K. Rhine Scholarship Program

Reliant Community Credit Union created the Donald K. Rhine Scholarship program in 1998 to honor the legacy of Reliant's founder and original CEO, Donald K. Rhine. Through this program, Reliant awards several \$500 to \$1500 college scholarships each year to Reliant members who demonstrate the credit union philosophy of "people helping people." Since the program's inception, Reliant has awarded over \$147,000 in scholarships to deserving students.

Applying for the 2017-2018 Donald K. Rhine Scholarship

To be considered for a scholarship, you must:

- Be a Reliant member (holding an account in your name).
- Be a high school senior, a currently enrolled full-time college/university student, or an adult enrolled or enrolling as a full-time college/university student.
- Demonstrate the credit union philosophy of "people helping people."
- Play an active role in your community through community service.
- Demonstrate high achievement in your academic performance and activities.
- Provide evidence of the above, as well as additional information in a completed application package.

Application Submission and Deadline

- Application deadline is February 27, 2017.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by April 30, 2017.
- Completed scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be returned via mail or submitted electronically:
 - **To send via mail**, please print or type an address label addressed to: Reliant Community Credit Union, ATTN: Scholarship Program, PO Box 40, Sodus, NY 14551. *Note that envelope must be postmarked by February 27, 2017.*
 - **To submit your application electronically**, email it to scholarships@reliantcu.com, or upload via our website's Contact Us page, reliantcu.com/about-us/contact-us. *Note that application must be received electronically on or before February 27, 2017.*
- For questions regarding the Donald K. Rhine Scholarship program please call our Member Service Center at 800-724-9282 or email scholarships@reliantcu.com.





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Internal Use: Applicant # _____ Date Completed Packet Received _____

Applicant Information

Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Preferred Telephone # (____) _____

Do you have a Reliant account in your name? Yes No

Check the box that indicates current status: High School Senior Currently enrolled full-time college or university student
 Adult enrolling as a full-time college or university student

High School _____ Graduation Date _____

College or university you attend or plan to attend _____ Major _____

Check your status for the 2016/2017 school year: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

Application Checklist

Two letters of reference Most recent transcript Typed essay response Application completed in full

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- Applications will not be considered unless all information is complete and requested documentation is provided.
- We recommend that you make a copy of your completed application for your records.
- If you are not a Reliant member, call 800-724-9282 or visit our website, reliantcu.com/about-us/membership, to see if you are eligible to join.

Please tell us how you heard about this scholarship opportunity. *Check all that apply.*

Guidance Counselor/School Family/friend TV in a Reliant branch reliantcu.com
 Reliant email Reliant employee Facebook Twitter

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 Federal Credit Union may use my name and/or photo for publicity purposes.

Applicant Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____

Community Service Activities

Name: _____

On this form, list all community activities that you have participated in during the past five years. Type or print clearly using blue or black ink. Make additional copies of form if necessary.

Activity	Leadership Role(s)	Awards & Recognition	Time Invested (hours/days)	Years Participated
<i>EXAMPLE: Volunteer at soup kitchen</i>		<i>Volunteer of month</i>	<i>1 hr/week for 3 mos.</i>	'13 '14 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> '16 '17 Check all that apply
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<i>Please total all the time invested (in hours) in community activities over the past five years:</i>				

School/Extracurricular Activities

Name: _____

On this form, list all school/extracurricular activities that you have participated in during the past five years. Type or print clearly using blue or black ink. Make additional copies of form if necessary.

Activity	Leadership Role(s)	Awards & Recognition	Time Invested (hours/days)	Years Participated
<i>EXAMPLE: Varsity track</i>	<i>Team Captain</i>		<i>1 hr/week for 3 mos.</i>	'13 '14 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> '15 '16 '17 Check all that apply
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<i>Please total all the time participated (in hours) in school/ extracurricular activities over the past five years:</i>				

Employment History

Name: _____

On this form, list your employment history for the past five years. Type or print clearly using blue or black ink. 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/wk.</i>	<i>7/15-present</i>

Typed Essay Response

Name:

All applicants must include responses to the two bullet points below to be considered for a scholarship. You may type your response in the area provided below, maximum 500 words, or type it on a separate sheet of paper in 12 point font, single spaced on one page, maximum 500 words.

- Describe your career and education goals.
- Within the past twelve months, what community service activities have you participated in that best represented the credit union's "people helping people" philosophy?

Type your responses in the space below



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Transcript

APPLICANT: Please detach this page and give to your guidance counselor or academic advisor.

Name of student: _____ Date: _____

School: _____

Dear Counselor/Academic Advisor:

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 his or her high school transcript (signed and sealed). **We appreciate your assistance in providing this information prior to the application deadline of February 27, 2017.**

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 directly, please send it to:

Reliant Community Credit Union
Attn: Scholarship Program
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Letter of Reference 1

APPLICANT: Please detach this page and give to an individual such as an employer, teacher, extracurricular activity advisor, minister, or volunteer organization director.

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 below. Please make sure all boxes are checked before you submit your letter of reference, and include this form as a cover sheet.

Letter of Reference Checklist

- The letter is personalized to the student applicant.
- It includes specific examples of the applicant demonstrating the credit union's "people helping people" philosophy.
- The letter clearly states the writer's relationship to the applicant.
- If submitting via mail: the letter is signed, dated, on letterhead if applicable, and includes this cover sheet.
- If submitting electronically: the letter is sent from your professional email address account, if applicable; includes the letter of recommendation in the body of the email or as a scanned attachment on letterhead; and includes this cover sheet as an attachment.

We appreciate your assistance in providing this information prior to the application deadline of **February 27, 2017**.

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