



Scholarship Award Application 2018

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship program. Pelican State Credit Union takes pride in our communities and the future of our members. All scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Current Pelican member in good standing at the time of application
- High school senior graduating in spring 2018
- Must be scheduled to attend an accredited university for fall semester
- GPA of a 2.5 or above

Complete this application and mail it to the address below with all required materials. Your completed application packet should be postmarked no later than **March 31, 2018**. Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered for this scholarship award. The Scholarship Committee retains all rights of interpretation or clarification. Recipients will be announced at Pelican's Annual Meeting on April 25, 2018. The scholarship awarded will be in the amount of \$1,000 and all monies will be directly deposited into your member share account.

Immediate family members of Pelican employees are not eligible. Immediate family members are defined as children, grandchildren and siblings.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Your application **will only** be scored if these items are submitted properly by the deadline.

- Applicant Form (page 2 of this document)
- Official high school transcript with school seal or stamp
- 2 Letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes with author's signature across seal
- Questionnaire (page 3 of this document)

Mail completed application and all supporting materials to:

**Pelican State Credit Union
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 40088
Baton Rouge, LA 70835**

APPLICANT FORM (Please print legibly or type. All information below is required.)

Member #: _____

Applicant must have their **own** Pelican member number. They cannot only be listed as a joint account holder on their parent's account.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M I: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Secondary Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you related to an employee of Pelican? Yes No

If so, who? _____ How are you related? _____

High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ / _____
Your rank Total students in class

Name of accredited post-secondary school you will attend:

City: _____ State: _____

How did you hear about this scholarship program? _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Your signature is required on the signature line, as your application will not be accepted without it. If selected, we will ask to take your photo and use it with your name and likeness for the promotion of the scholarship in a variety of digital and print media including, but not limited to: our website; third-party media such as local newspapers; Pelican e-newsletters; and social media.

I attest by my signature that the information included in this application is truthful, free of error and my own work.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Date: _____
(Print)

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

You are required to submit two letters of recommendation on behalf of your application for this scholarship. The authors of the letters of recommendation may use the guidelines below when writing. All letters must be returned in your application packet in a sealed envelope with the author's signature across the sealed area of the envelope. Family members of the applicant are not eligible to submit a letter of recommendation.

Examples of acceptable references include teachers, coaches, mentors and pastors.

Author Guidelines:

1. Name of scholarship applicant
2. Relationship to applicant
3. Comment on the applicant's personal character
4. Comment on the applicant's scholastic performance
5. Characteristics that are the applicant's greatest attributes
6. How would you rate the applicant's potential for future personal achievement? Why?
7. Additional comments

QUESTIONNAIRE

The requested information in this section should be typed on a separate sheet of paper and submitted with application and other required materials.

1. SCHOLASTICS

List all scholastic achievements, awards and honorable recognition earned during high school.

2. SCHOOL/EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List your membership in any organizations, clubs or sports activities and describe your involvement throughout high school (not elementary or middle school). Please note the length of time you have participated in these activities and whether or not you held a leadership position.

3. SERVICE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

List your membership in or any volunteer community services you are actively involved in or have participated in for your community. Also, list the length of time you have been involved with these programs and if you held a leadership position. Please only list your community involvement throughout high school.

4. ESSAY

Answer the following questions.

1. Explain the importance of good financial planning and describe a time where you demonstrated good financial planning.
2. How can your credit be affected by not paying a bill?
3. Where do you see yourself in five years?
4. Describe a time where you were faced with a challenge and describe how you overcame it.
5. If you could write an article for Pelican's blog, pelicanstateofmind.com, what would the article be about? Why would you choose that topic?