

Thornapple Credit Union Scholarship

The purpose of the \$1000 Scholarship is to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement, community involvement, and excellent character.

Requirements to qualify for scholarship:

1. Scholarships are available to members of TCU who are high school seniors or home-schooled seniors.
2. Must be a member, in good standing, of Thornapple Credit Union. If you do not have an account but would like to apply for this scholarship, you will need to open a new account at TCU.

The Scholarship Application:

Part 1: Student Application

Part 2: Written Recommendation from **one non-relative such as a neighbor, boss, teacher or a coach.**

Part 3: A typed essay (500 words or less) on the philosophy of “**People Helping People**”.

Use of Scholarship:

The student must enroll in an accredited two or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the fall following high school graduation.

Details of Scholarship:

1. There will be one scholarship recipient.
2. The amount of the Scholarship will be **\$1,000.00.**
3. Payment will be made in check form, payable to the scholarship recipients **and** college/institution selected by the recipient.
4. The scholarship recipient will need to come into TCU office to receive their check and get their picture taken. TCU may or may not present the scholarship at the recipient's high school awards night.
5. The scholarship must be used within one year after the date it is awarded.

Criteria for awarding the scholarship from TCU:

1. **Scholarship** - The recipient must have attained a total GPA of 3.0 or higher.
2. **Citizenship** - The recipient must have a good citizenship record, such as outside work activity advantageous to their church, family or community.
3. **Attitude of Recipient** - The student's attitude must be that which, in the consideration and opinion of the committee, will make additional education or training beneficial to him/her in the community which the student will reside.

The application, recommendation form and essay need to be submitted, **in full**, to any TCU office by March 31st. Please **do not write your name on the forms**. Simply write your account number on the application and essay. Your scholarship application is to remain anonymous throughout the judging process to remove any possibility of bias. Once the recipient is chosen, we will identify you by looking up your account number. If you don't know your account number, please call any office for assistance.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email at Ashley@thornapplecu.com or call me.

Thank you,
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Thornapple Credit Union scholarship for _____ (year)

Application Form- please type or print neatly (NO Names Please)

**TCU Account # _____ High School you attend _____
(if Home-Schooled then write "Home-Schooled")**

Which college, if known, will you be attending? What is your chosen field of study?

What is your goal upon completing college?

List outside activities and hobbies

List any awards or recognitions received during high school

List employers during high school

What is the difference between a bank and a credit union?

Thornapple Credit Union Scholarship Recommendation Form

Instructions to non-relative: Briefly state your opinion of the scholarship applicant pertaining to at least **one of the four (4)** qualities listed below.

Please do not use their name but use personal pronouns such as her/him.

- 1.) **Citizenship**
- 2.) **Attitude**
- 3.) **Dependability**
- 4.) **Ethics**

What is your relationship to the student?

Signature_____ **Date**_____

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Scholarship Student Essay Form

TCU Account # _____ (No Names Please)

Instructions: Credit unions are known for their “**People Helping People**” philosophy. Please **type** a double spaced essay (500 words or less) as to how this philosophy has influenced your life. It can be through community service you have performed or volunteer work you’ve done. Please be specific when sharing your experience with us and feel free to attach your typed essay to this page or use the page.