



PIONEER VALLEY CHAPTER

2019 CREDIT UNION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Pioneer Valley Chapter's Scholarship Committee will be awarding eight (8) \$2,000 Chapter Scholarships and one (1) \$1,500 Cooperative Credit Union League Scholarship. Information regarding eligibility for these scholarships is listed below.

1. Eligibility is limited to high school seniors who will be enrolled in an undergraduate college degree program during the 2019-2020 academic years.
2. Applicant or parent/guardian must be a member of the sponsoring credit union.
3. The credit union must be a member in good standing with the Cooperative Credit Union Association *AND* the Pioneer Valley Chapter.
4. Each applicant must complete a current 2019 Scholarship Application form and submit it with the other required material **to UMassFive College Federal Credit Union.**
5. The credit union will then select its top 3 applications and forward them to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. They must be accompanied by a cover letter from the sponsoring Credit Union verifying that each applicant and/or parent/guardian is a credit union member.

The Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship winners evaluating each applicant on the following criteria: academic achievement, extracurricular/community activities and essay.

Students **must** submit the following items with their completed applications. **All items requested must be received in order for the application to qualify for consideration.**

1. Completed application.
2. List of extracurricular school activities and community service.
3. Students must submit a typewritten essay in 500 words or less on the following topic: *"What do you consider to be the single most important societal problem? Why?"*
4. An official high school academic transcript of grades, **including** midyear/first semester senior grades, completed by their counselor.
5. Standardized (SAT, ACT or both) testing scores (either on official high school transcript or a copy from a testing agency).

Deadlines: Applicants must submit completed application to UMassFive College Federal Credit Union in person or with a postmark no later than March 1, 2019.

If you have any questions about the 2019 Pioneer Valley Chapter/Association College Scholarship Program, please contact Cait Murray, at 413-256-5502 or at cmurray@umassfive.coop.