



2024-25 **Ridgedale** Scholarships

for qualified graduating seniors

The Award

The Ridgedale Federal Credit Union scholarship is an award of \$3000 to be paid jointly to the winning student and the student's chosen accredited educational institution. There will be one student chosen to receive the \$3,000 award.

Eligibility

The applicant **must be a member** in good standing at Ridgedale Federal Credit Union and must be enrolled as a high school senior at the time of the application.

To open your membership savings account, go to RidgedaleFCU.org for a membership application or we can provide an application for you. Complete and sign the application, provide us with an official ID, and \$5.00 to open your account. You will receive access to all the credit union benefits! You can open your account Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. At 124 South Ridgedale Ave, East Hanover, NJ.

Scholarship funds must be used for tuition only at an accredited educational institution for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year.

Application Process

Eligible members must complete this scholarship application in its entirety and return it to Ridgedale Federal Credit Union no later than the June 4, 2024, deadline. Send completed application to Ridgedale Federal Credit Union, 124 South Ridgedale Ave., East Hanover, NJ 07936, ATTN: Pam Callender, or email to scholarship@Ridgedalefcu.org. A student may submit only one application. The application must be completed and signed by the student and parent/guardian (see page 2).

The signed and completed application must be submitted with the following:

- An official high school transcript that includes a cumulative GPA of completed marking periods as of date of submission.
- The completed Teacher Reference portion of the application (see page 4). It must be completed and signed by one of the applicant's teachers.

The application (page 2 and 3 of this form), transcript, and Teacher Reference (page 4) must be returned to Ridgedale Federal Credit Union by the application deadline: June 4, 2024. If any portion of the application is incomplete or not included, the applicant will be disqualified.

Selection Process

Judging is based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, community service/ involvement, references, and leadership roles. The credit union will notify winners of the scholarship by June 14, 2024, via email and US mail.

Application Verification (For Credit Union Use Only)

I hereby certify that the following applicant is a credit union member in good standing.

Credit Union Official's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scholarship Applicant Information

Applicant will not be eligible unless all information is completed, requested documentation is provided and they are a member of Ridgedale FCU. Please type or print clearly. When filling in the information below, use only the space provided. Please do not attach any additional sheets or resumes to this application.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Name of High School: _____

Name of Institution You Plan to Attend: _____

Please fill in the appropriate box for the above-mentioned institution:

4-Year College/University Community College Trade School

Certification and Release Authorization

The application must be signed by both the student and the parent/guardian of the student before the applicant can be considered for a scholarship. Please have the appropriate parties sign and date below.

I certify that the information in this application is true, complete, and accurate and that I am a member in good standing of the above credit union. I authorize the release of my information for the purpose of confirming the validity of this application.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tell Us About Yourself!

Please list your academic achievement/awards, community service, and extracurricular activities in the spaces provided below. If applicable, also indicate if you have held a leadership role or position for each activity. Leadership titles can include, but are not limited to: manager, supervisor, counselor, team captain, cabin leader, president, vice president, etc.

Academic Achievements/Awards

Leadership Role/Position

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| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ |
| 7. _____ | _____ |
| 8. _____ | _____ |

Community Service

Leadership Role/Position

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| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ |
| 7. _____ | _____ |
| 8. _____ | _____ |

Extracurricular Activities

Leadership Role/Position

(Sports, clubs, organizations, jobs, etc.)

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| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ |
| 7. _____ | _____ |
| 8. _____ | _____ |

In a few sentences, tell us why you feel that need or deserve this scholarship. (if you need more room, please include extra sheet)

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Teacher Reference

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Date: _____

The above-named student is applying for a credit union college scholarship. The student will be competing with students of whom have submitted a completed application across the state.

Please complete the questionnaire below by checking off the options that best describe the student's performance. When completed and signed, return the questionnaire to the student. If this questionnaire is not completed and signed, the applicant will not be eligible for the scholarship. The student must return the materials to his/her credit union by June 1, 2023. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. Participation in Discussion

- Always involved, often initiates
- Usually participates
- Often participates
- Occasionally participates
- Seldom Participates

2. Involvement in Classroom Activities

- Very active in all activities
- Often active in some activities
- Somewhat active, politely attentive
- Distracted, seldom participates
- Greatly inattentive

3. Pursuit of Independent Study (work outside of the classroom)

- Substantial study and major projects
- Considerable study and/or major projects
- Some study and minor projects
- Minimal study or minor projects
- No evidence of independent study

4. Evenness of Performance

- Consistent, varies no more than one mark
- Occasionally varies more than one mark
- Uneven, often varies two marks
- Erratic, performance fluctuates greatly

5. Critical/Questioning Attitude

- High level of independent/critical thinking
- Moderate level of independent/critical thinking
- Mild level of independent or critical thinking
- Minimal critical thinking
- Little to no independent or critical thinking

6. Depth of Understanding

- Excellent insight
- Good understanding
- Some insight
- Little insight
- Poor understanding

7. Personal Responsibility

- Always fully accepts
- Usually fully accepts
- Partially accepts
- Sometimes refuses
- Often Refuses

8. Consideration for Others

- Always considerate
- Usually considerate
- Little consideration
- Sometimes inconsiderate
- Often inconsiderate

Comments: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Phone #: _____