

# Bethpage

Federal Credit Union

December 8, 2008

Village of Hempstead  
Wayne J. Hall  
Mayor  
99 Nichols Court  
Hempstead, NY 11550

Dear Wayne *J.* Hall:

In an effort to help further the education of our local high-school seniors, Bethpage Federal Credit Union is participating in a statewide college scholarship program. Credit union members will be competing with high-school seniors from credit unions across New York State for the chance to win scholarships to two- or four-year accredited educational institutions.

To be eligible, students must be college-bound high-school seniors at the time of application, attending college for the first time in the fall of 2009. They must also be members of a participating credit union. Applicants will be judged based upon their academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities and the quality of a written essay.

You can help your students finance their college education by informing them of our scholarship program. To assist you, I have enclosed scholarship flyers, the scholarship application and a copy of guidelines can be found the Bethpage Federal Credit Union website [https://www.bethpage.coop/community\\_scholarship.asp](https://www.bethpage.coop/community_scholarship.asp).

If you should have any questions regarding the scholarship program, please contact me at 516-349-4250.

Thank you.

Michelle Johnson  
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Bethpage, NY 11714

# NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?





■ **The Award**

The Credit Union Association of New York's scholarship is an award of either \$1,000 or \$500 to be paid jointly to the student and educational institution.

■ **Eligibility**

The applicant must be a member in good standing of a participating New York credit union that meets all of the following criteria:

- The member must be a college bound high school senior at the time of application.
- The member will be attending college for the first time in the fall of 2009.
- The member will be enrolled in either a two- or four-year accredited educational institution.
- The member agrees to use any scholarship funds awarded only at an accredited educational institution by January 31, 2010.

■ **Application Process**

To apply, eligible members must complete this scholarship application form. Applicants should type or print clearly and use only the space provided on this form to answer the questions. Other than specified below, no attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind should be used to answer the questions or should be submitted.

If an applicant is a member of more than one credit union and submits an application from both, only one application will be scored for a state level award. Both applications will be considered for any credit union level awards that may be available.

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- 1. The application must be signed by a credit union management-level employee of the member's participating credit union in order to verify eligibility.
- 2. The signed application must be submitted together with:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ An SAT/PSAT/ACT transcript (obtained through the high school guidance office).
  - \_\_\_\_\_ A typed, essay response.
- 3. The applicant and his/her parent or guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization on the back page of this form.
- 4. The application, transcripts and essay must be returned to the credit union by Friday, January 23, 2009. If any portion is incomplete or not included the application will not be considered.

■ **Selection Process**

Judging will be based on both subjective criteria and weighted, objective criteria. These include academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, the essay, etc.

- **Application Deadline** Applications must be returned to the credit union no later than January 23, 2009.

**■ Scholarship Applicant information**

Applicant will not be considered unless all information is completed in full on this form only and all requested documentation is provided.

Please type or print clearly, and use only the space provided on this form to answer the questions. Do not use any attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind to answer the questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College You Plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Honors and Awards**

Please list honors and awards and year(s) of participation. Use this space only.

*Examples: honor roll, National Honor Society, Who's Who, Principal's awards, science fair awards, college book awards, student/athlete awards, Empire State Games team, Eagle Scout classification.*

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**High School Activities**

Please list high school activities and year(s) of participation. Use this space only.

*Examples: sports teams, clubs, band, drama, choral, orchestra, yearbook, school newspaper, Math Counts, LifeSmarts, tutoring.*

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**Community Activities and Volunteer Work**

Please list community activities and volunteer work and year(s) of participation. Do not list one time activities or events. Use this space only.

*Examples: scouting, community service projects, community volunteerism, religious youth groups, youth counseling.*

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### **Paid Employment**

Please list each job separately with the year(s) employed. Only jobs of more than 10 hours a week should be listed. Use this space only.

*Examples: part-time jobs, babysitting.*

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### **Leadership Positions Held (elected or appointed)**

Please list leadership positions held and the year(s) of participation. Use this space only.

*Examples: class officer, club officer, sports team leader, scouting leader, student government officer, musiclorchestra 1st chair.*

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### **■ Essay**

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following question. Your response should be typed, between 300-500 words and include your full name in the top right hand corner of your answer sheet. Points will be deducted if responses are not typed.

#### **Question:**

Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that exist to serve members, not generate profit. "People helping people" is the philosophical foundation of these institutions. Explain the value of this foundation. Be sure to include information about:

- the historical importance of the philosophy;

- examples of the philosophy and their impact on society; and
- your personal interpretation of the philosophy and how you have demonstrated "people helping people" in your life.

**■ Certification and Release Authorization**

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship award.  
*I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. I agree to use any scholarship funds awarded at an accredited educational institution by January 31, 20W.*

Member Signature (Student) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_ I \_\_\_ I

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**■ Application Verification**

*For Credit Union Use Only.* The following information must be completed in full by sponsoring credit union management for the application to be considered.

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

CU Manager Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Official Credit Union Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date I I

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| Credit Union Association<br>of New York Chapter:<br><i>(Please check one)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Adirondack       | <input type="checkbox"/> Finger Lakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Rochester            |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1:1 Buffalo      | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamestown    | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Tier        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital          | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Island  | <input type="checkbox"/> Utica-Rome           |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Catskill-Hudson  | <input type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan | <input type="checkbox"/> Westchester-Rockland |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Central New York | <input type="checkbox"/> LI Niagara   |   |