



## 2024 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### THE AWARD

Radius Federal Credit Union sponsors a scholarship contest each year, which awards four (4) \$500 scholarships to high school seniors.

### ELIGIBILITY

The candidate must be a Radius family member in good standing for at least 12 months at our credit union. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books, housing, or any other related expenses to a two- or four-year educational institution.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligible members must complete this scholarship application. Only one application per student may be submitted along with:

- An official high school transcript
- An SAT/PSAT/ACT transcript (obtained from your guidance office)
- Recommendation and signature of applicant's teacher

The scholarship candidate must sign the certification and release authorization on the back of this booklet. Signature of a parent/guardian is also required.

The entire packet must be returned by the application deadline date. If the application packet is not complete, it will be disqualified.

### SELECTION PROCESS

Radius Federal Credit Union will send all applications to a committee. They will review and evaluate each application and select our scholarship recipients. Both subjective and objective criteria will apply. Items such as academic record, essay content and quality, scholastic activities, community service, and personal goals will be considered. Winners will be notified by August 15, 2024.

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Application must be returned to Radius no later than **August 1, 2024**. You may deliver or mail to our branch located at 2853 Delaware Ave, Kenmore, NY 14217 to the attention of Rebecca Gunning or email to Rebecca Gunning at [Rebecca.Gunning@radiusfcu.com](mailto:Rebecca.Gunning@radiusfcu.com).

### ESSAY

Please use a separate sheet of paper to discuss the following topic. Your response should be between 300-500 words.

**You are a member of Radius Federal Credit Union. How would you best explain the difference between a credit union and a bank to someone who does not know? How could being a member of a credit union benefit you or someone else you know? Also, describe your financial education in terms of what you have learned and from whom. If you weren't sure how to handle your finances (i.e. writing checks, how to assess fees, paying bills), what resources would you use to best educate yourself?**

**\*CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION**

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for the scholarship awards.

I CERTIFY THIS INFORMATION IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. I AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION TO CONFIRM AND/OR VERIFY THIS APPLICATION. IN ADDITION, I GIVE PERMISSION TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO DUPLICATE MY APPLICATION PACKET FOR PROCESSING AND EVALUATION PURPOSES.

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Radius Member # \_\_\_\_\_

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

**APPLICATION JUDGING (For Scholarship Committee Use Only)**

ACADEMIC RECORD POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

ESSAY CONTENT & QUALITY POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITY POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY SERVICE POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL GOALS POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SCORE POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL JUDGE SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**RADIUS FCU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

College You Plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SHARE A BRIEF HISTORY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

HONORS AND AWARDS:

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IN SCHOOL AND OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (GREATER THAN 10 HOURS PER WEEK):

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT (GREATER THAN 10 HOURS PER WEEK):

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ELECTED OR APPOINTED POSITIONS HELD:

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CAREER AND EDUCATION GOALS:

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**REFERENCE FROM HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER**

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Teacher,

The student named above is applying for a college scholarship being granted by Radius Federal Credit Union. He/she will be competing against other high school senior credit union members of Radius FCU. Please provide your signed letter of recommendation in the space below or if you prefer, attach a typewritten letter. The Member must return the materials to the credit union by August 1, 2024. Thank you for your cooperation.

~Radius Scholarship Committee

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TEACHER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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