



2013 Archbishop John F. Donoghue Scholarship Application

Information & Guidelines

Georgia United Credit Union was originally established in 1958 as a teachers' credit union. In late 2004, under the guidance of Archbishop John F. Donoghue, our Catholic Division was formed through the merger of Greater Atlanta Catholic Federal Credit Union. In keeping with our commitment to the communities we serve, and to help qualified members with their college expenses, a special Scholarship Fund was created specifically for Catholic students. The Archbishop Emeritus John Francis Donoghue Scholarship is given in honor of the late Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, the Most Reverend Archbishop John F. Donoghue. During his tenure, he demonstrated his commitment and support of Catholic education, and was instrumental in opening five Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese. The \$2,500 Archbishop Emeritus John Francis Donoghue Scholarship award will be distributed as follows:

First Place (1) \$1,500

Second Place (1) \$1,000

Eligibility

- A. Applicants (or their parents) must be a member of Georgia United Credit Union.
- B. The applicant's county of residence must be within the Archdiocese of Atlanta.
- C. Applicants must be a high school student classified as a senior with a projected graduation date of 2013.
- D. The high school scholarship is open to any student meeting the above criteria (A, B, & C) and entering a college/university or technical school by fall of 2013. Applicants must be accepted at a college/university or technical school by March 1, 2013. Verification of acceptance must be provided to the Credit Union.

Requirements

- A. Applicants are required to submit a typed double spaced essay (of 250 words or more). Keeping in mind the themes of Catholic social teaching, applicants are to write on the following topic:

“Describe how membership in a credit union can provide an opportunity to connect with one of the seven themes of Catholic social teaching, especially in difficult financial times like today.”

- B. Complete the application and submit a high school transcript (obtained from your school counselor) including your SAT or ACT scores. Additional consideration will be given to students based on academic standing, school leadership, and school/community involvement.

Completed Scholarship Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2013 and sent to:

Georgia United Credit Union
Catholic Scholarship Competition
c/o Community Development Department
6705 Sugarloaf Parkway, Suite 300
Duluth, GA 30097

Judging

Judging will take place in mid March and will be conducted by a judges panel selected by Georgia United Credit Union. Points will be tabulated to determine the winner. All decisions are final. Winners will be announced in the Spring Quarterly Newsletter and on Georgia United's website at www.georgiaunitedcu.org.

Other Information

The maximum awards will be \$2,500 (\$1,500 for first place and \$1,000 for runner-up) for full time students taking 12 or more credit hours per quarter or semester. Award can be used to help pay tuition, housing, books or meal costs and will be paid directly to the college/university or technical school by Georgia United Credit Union.

Winners agree to have their names/photos published in press releases and in Georgia United Credit Union and Archdiocese of Atlanta publications where appropriate, along with essay excerpts.

*Immediate family members of Georgia United employees or Board members are not eligible. **Members who apply for Georgia United's Catholic Scholarship as well as Vernon E. Carne Scholarship may only receive one scholarship, whichever is greater.

Scholarship Applications may be obtained from any Georgia United Credit Union office, downloaded from the company website www.georgiaunitedcu.org by clicking *Member Groups, Catholic Community*, and selecting *Scholarship*, or by calling Georgia United's Community Development office (770) 476-6409.

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All applicants must meet the qualifications on the Information & Guidelines sheet.

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Male: ___ Female: ___

Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year): _____

Daytime Telephone #: _____ Evening Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Father's Name and Occupation: _____

Mother's Name and Occupation: _____

Name of High School: _____

High School Address: _____

County in which High School is located _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

College Major (if known): _____

Are you a member of Georgia United Credit Union? Yes: ___ No: ___

Are your parents' members of Georgia United Credit Union? Yes: ___ No: ___

***On the back of this application or on an additional attachment, please list any extracurricular activities (clubs, honors, offices held, etc.) and church or community activities.**

--In order for your application to be considered complete, use this checklist--

- 1) Is the application form above completed?
- 2) Have you included a copy of your high school transcript including SAT or ACT scores (from your counselor)?
- 3) Have you included a copy of your college/university or tech school acceptance letter?
- 4) Have you included a list of extracurricular activities (clubs, honors, offices held, etc.)?
- 5) Have you attached a two-page double space typed essay on this year's topic?
- 6) Have you allowed sufficient time to meet the March 1, 2013 deadline?

Please send completed application to

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