

# Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union High School Financial Scholarship 2021



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### Fact Sheet

#### SCHOLARSHIPS:

Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union will award one **\$500** scholarship from **each** of its 5 branches to eligible applicants. These scholarships are awarded to applicants who exemplify the credit union philosophy of “people helping people” through volunteerism, community service and leadership.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

**To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must meet the following criteria:**

- 1) Be a United States citizen.
- 2) **Be a DPFCU member with active accounts.**
- 3) Be a graduating high school senior.
- 4) Be planning to attend a 2 or a 4 year post-secondary, accredited undergraduate degree program or a technical/vocational school.
- 5) Must present letter of acceptance from the college/technical/vocational school.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) A completed **DPFCU Scholarship Application** form (no substitute forms please) including:
  - a. Copy of your official transcript and copy of your current ACT/SAT score(s).
  - b. Listing of volunteer work/job experiences
  - c. Listing of extracurricular activities/organizations
  - d. Listing of accomplishments, honors, awards received
- 2) A written recommendation/character reference letter for the applicant must accompany the application. Such letter(s) may be from teachers, counselor, community leader, religious leader, or work supervisor.
- 3) An essay, between 300-400 words on the subject of: **“How, through your involvement in community/school activities or events or volunteer efforts, have you shown the cooperative spirit?”**

#### JUDGING CRITERIA:

The Judging Committee shall consist of credit union volunteers or employees from various branches and will score each requirement on the following categories:

- 1) Academic.
- 2) Volunteer work/job experience.
- 3) Extracurricular activities/organizations.
- 4) Accomplishments, honors, and awards.
- 5) Overall appearance, content, grammar and neatness of application and essay.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be postmarked by **FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021**. Applications should be sent to the following address:

**Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union**  
**ATTN: Brent Dirk**  
**P.O. Box 389**  
**Lemmon, SD 57638-0389**

Recipients will be announced in **May 2021** and will be asked for a photo for public release. If you have any questions, please contact Brent Dirk, VP Operations at 605.374.3380.



**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Please list the extracurricular activities/organizations in which you have participated. Include your length of involvement, offices you may have held with dates. Attach additional sheets, as necessary.

<b>ACTIVITY/ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>POSITION HELD</b>	<b>YEAR(s) INVOLVED</b>

**VOLUNTEER WORK/JOB EXPERIENCE**

Please list the volunteer/community service work or job experience. Include your length of involvement, with dates. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

<b>VOLUNTEER WORK/JOB/COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	<b>POSITION HELD</b>	<b>YEAR(s) INVOLVED</b>

**ESSAY (300-400 WORDS)**

Credit Unions are built on the cooperative spirit of “people helping people.” Essay Theme: **How, through your involvement in community activities/school activities, events, volunteer efforts or job have you shown the cooperative spirit?**

Please attach separate sheet.

I certify that everything I have stated on this application or any accompanying attachment is correct.	
_____	_____
Applicant Signature	Date
_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date