

Memorandum

To: All Scholarship Applicants

From: Donna L. Hanson

Date: 01/17/12

Re: How to apply for the Oswego Teachers Employees Federal Credit Union
Scholarship

1. Complete the front page applicant section. Make sure you've completed the essay.
2. If you are a high school senior:
 - Have a parent or legal guardian sign the application.
 - Have a teacher complete the reference section.
 - Ask your Guidance Department for an official copy of your transcript and SAT or ACT scores. If your transcript does not include a straight(not weighted) grade point average as of the end of 11th grade, ask the Guidance Department to add this piece of information to the transcript.
3. Submit all of the information to the **Oswego Teachers' E. Federal Credit Union no later than the close of business on Friday, April 27, 2012.**

In case of questions, please call Donna Hanson at 315-342-4574 or 800-537-3084 between the hours of 9:30 and 5:00 Monday through Friday.

You must be a member of the **Oswego Teachers' Employees Federal Credit Union** to apply. If you are not currently a member, find out how you can become one.



**Oswego Teachers' Employees
Federal Credit Union**
Serving and supporting its members since 1961

The Award

The Oswego Teachers' Credit Union scholarship is (14) fourteen \$250 and one (1) \$500 award to be paid directly to the member in the form of a check to them and the educational institution.

Eligibility

The applicant must be a member in good standing of the Oswego Teachers' Employees Federal Credit Union. The member must be a college-bound high school senior at the time of application. Scholarship funds must be used: (1) for tuition, (2) only at a two- or four-year accredited educational institution.

Application Process

- _____ 1. *The application must be submitted together with:*
 - _____ *An official high school transcript*
 - _____ *An SAT/PSAT/ACT transcript*
(obtained through the high school guidance office)
 - _____ *Teacher's letter of reference*

- _____ 2. *The applicant and his/her parent or guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization on the back page of this form.*

- _____ 3. *The application, transcript and essay must be returned by **Friday, April 27, 2012**. 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 performance, the essay, community activities and personal goals.

Application Deadline

*Application must be returned to the Credit Union no later than **Friday, April 27, 2012**.*

Scholarship Applicant Information

Applicant will not be considered unless all information is completed in full and all requested documentation is provided. Please type or print clearly, and answer the following questions completely.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number () _____

High School _____ Anticipated Graduation Date ____ / ____ /

Name of College You Plan to Attend _____

Honors and Awards

Examples: National Honor Society, Principals' Awards, College Book Awards, Student/Athlete Awards, Empire State Games Team, Eagle Scout Classification.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Curricular, Extracurricular and Community Service Activities, Employment (>10 hours/week)

Examples: Language clubs, drama/choral groups, Math Counts, Life Smarts, sports teams, church or religious youth groups, community volunteerism, part-time jobs, youth counseling.

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Leadership Positions Held (elected or appointed, max. 5)

Examples: Student Government officer, Youth Court official, Scouting team leader, Club officer

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

■ Essay Information

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following question. Your response should be 300-500 words.

Please type your responses—points will be deducted if responses are not typed.

Question:

How will a college education/experience better prepare you for life in the present economic climate? (Please cite examples)

■ Certification and Release Authorization

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

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application.

Member's Signature (Student) _____ Date

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date

