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About the Charter Oak Federal Credit Union Community Scholarship Program

Charter Oak Federal Credit Union is committed to helping the youth in our communities achieve life long success by providing financial support to deserving high school seniors and college students attending two or four year accredited institutions of higher education.

Each year, we grant scholarships to well-rounded student members hailing from New London and Windham counties who have made it a priority to give back to their communities while excelling in academics and extracurricular activities.



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Community Scholarship Program Guidelines & Applicant Criteria

Mission of Scholarship Program:

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Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and work or reside permanently in New London or Windham counties.
- Applicants, as well as their parents or guardians must be members of Charter Oak Federal Credit Union. If you and your parent or guardian are not members, you may visit any of our branches to qualify for membership.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior, or a college student planning on attending an accredited institution of higher education such as a two-year or four-year college, or a technical, vocational or business college in September 2012. (Previous winners may submit an application for continued financial support)
- The applicant must have a solid academic standing, with a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or better.
- Applicant must have a strong involvement in extra-curricular activities and within the community.

Submitting Scholarship Applications:

Applications for scholarships are accepted from January 1st through **March 15th** for the following academic year (which begins in September).

Fully completed application forms and required supporting documentation must be completed and submitted by **March 15, 2012**.

Your application, together with supporting documents, should be sent to:

Charter Oak Federal Credit Union
Community Giving Program
Attn: Kimberly Bartlett
32 Chicago Avenue
Groton, CT 06340

Sorry-we cannot accept applications via fax or email. Applications are complete and valid only when you have returned all the documentation indicated on the next page. All documents should be received in one package. Please do not staple documents together.



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After you complete an application, you will also need to include the following:

- Response to essay question from application form.
- A listing of all extra-curricular activities and involvement in your school and community.
- Official transcript listing GPA and SAT scores. (GPA must be on a 4.0 scale. If not, please convert. If in college, please include high school SAT scores.)
- Three completed recommendation forms. (Can be from individuals such as pastors, work supervisors, teachers, coaches, school administrators or guidance counselors)

Applicants may request information about the program or how to apply for funding by calling Kimberly Bartlett, the Community Relations Coordinator at (860) 446-3254 to discuss their application prior to submission.

Selecting Scholarship Recipients:

Charter Oak Federal Credit Union's Community Scholarship recipients are carefully chosen based on a variety of criteria by the Community Scholarship Program Committee. Recipients should be well-rounded student members hailing from New London and Windham counties who have either excelled academically, have had a strong involvement in extracurricular activities, or have made it a priority to give back to their community. We also consider financial need when determining Community Scholarship recipients.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the Community Scholarship Program Committee's decision. Charter Oak Federal Credit Union reserves the right to publicize the names and image of Scholarship recipients through our website, print publications and local media.

Scholarship Disbursement

Community Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the college the recipient will be attending. Scholarship funds can be used only to fund college tuition expenses. Should the recipient not attend college by September 2012, he or she agrees to forfeit the scholarship award.