

Direct Financial S.T.E.M. Scholarship

*For the Recognition of
Scholastic Excellence
& Encouragement of
Education in
**Science,
Technology,
Engineering &
Mathematics***

APPLY TODAY!

Scholarship applications must
be postmarked no later than
April 30, 2020.

Direct  **Financial**[®]
— A DIVISION OF —
New England Federal Credit Union



Direct Financial

S.T.E.M. Scholarship Program

The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to recognize members who have shown scholastic excellence and who are interested in advancing their education.

Scholarship Awards

Direct Financial will award one (1) \$3,000 scholarship to be paid jointly to the recipient and to the accredited school of choice. The recipient shall be limited to one scholarship award.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing with the Credit Union. Applicants applying under parent(s) member number will not be considered.
2. Applicant must be applying to or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program at a college, trade school, or university (minimum 6-credit semester or the equivalent).
3. To be eligible for the Direct Financial Scholarship for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, the field of study must be one of the following:
 - Biological sciences
 - Physical sciences
 - Mathematical sciences
 - Geosciences
 - Computer and Information sciences
 - Engineering
 - Technology areas associated with the preceding fields of study
4. Employees and Volunteers of Direct Financial, as well as members of their immediate families and households are not eligible. Previous Direct Financial scholarship recipients are also not eligible.

Requirements

1. Copy of your high school or college transcripts (unofficial transcripts will be accepted) or GED (General Education Degree) and any related work experience. NOTE: Please make certain the name of the institution is on the transcript.
2. Direct Financial believes in sharing our success with the community. Please complete a maximum 250 word essay illustrating why you chose your discipline specifically and how you hope to contribute to your field over the course of your career. NOTE: Please attach your typed and double-spaced essay to your Scholarship Application.
3. Completed Scholarship Application.
4. Applications that are incomplete, late, or not in accordance with directions will be ineligible.

Selection and Schedule

A Direct Financial Scholarship Application must be completed in full and returned (with requirements listed above) to the Credit Union postmarked by April 30, 2020.

No applications will be accepted after this date. Completed applications can be submitted at a branch or mailed to: New England Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 527, Williston, VT 05495, Attn: Scholarship Committee. Upon receipt of your application, the Credit Union will mail you a confirmation letter. Direct Financial will not be responsible for lost mail or delays in delivery of mail. Scholarship recipients will be notified by June 5, 2020.

NOTE: All applications will be judged by a selection panel. Scholarships will be awarded based upon the applicant's overall achievements and personal essay. Direct Financial reserves the right to discontinue this scholarship program at anytime without notice. Direct Financial reserves the right to withhold the scholarship award if there are no qualified applicants.

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COMPLETE ALL PORTIONS OF THIS APPLICATION. PLEASE PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK, OR TYPE;
AND ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET IF NEEDED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
(PENCIL APPLICATIONS NOT ACCEPTED)

I hereby apply for a Direct Financial S.T.E.M. Scholarship. I understand if I am selected to receive this scholarship, the Direct Financial has no legal liability or obligation to me other than the payment of the Scholarship Award to the accredited school of choice.

(If you choose not to enroll in school after payment of the scholarship all funds must be returned to Direct Financial.)

Name: _____ Direct Financial Member No. _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: () _____ Evening Phone: () _____ eMail Address: _____

SECONDARY/

High School: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Degree/Diploma: _____

Year Graduated: _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____
(ex. 3.8 on 4 pt. scale)

Secondary/High School: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Degree/Diploma: _____

Year Graduated: _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Secondary/High School: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Degree/Diploma: _____

Year Graduated: _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

COLLEGE / EDUCATION INSTITUTION

or UNIVERSITY you attend or plan to attend: _____ Enrollment Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

REFERENCES:

List two (2) individuals who may be contacted by the Selection Panel regarding your character, academic achievements, and/or educational potential.

Name: _____ Position: _____

eMail Address _____ Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

eMail Address _____ Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

Please complete the reverse side of this page.

List honors and awards: _____

Extra-curricular/Volunteer activities: _____

Describe an instance where you have demonstrated leadership: _____

Work experience (paid and unpaid): _____

Please attach your essay to this application.

Certification and Release Authorization.

I/We certify that this information is complete and accurate. I/We authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. I/We further grant unto Direct Financial the right to use my name and/or photograph in connection with any Direct Financial promotions, including advertising, related to this scholarship program. This grant is made without claim of any kind, including compensation.

Applicant's Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ *Date:* _____
(if under 18 years)

