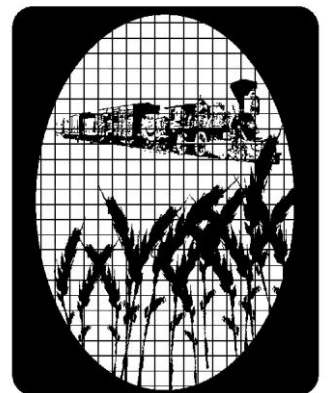


**PANHANDLE  
FEDERAL  
CREDIT UNION**

**SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**

**2020**



*Panhandle  
Federal  
Credit Union*

Panhandle Federal Credit Union's Scholarship Program is designed to acknowledge exceptional students within our Credit Union family. A college education is one of the most important investments a person can make in himself or herself, and PFCU is dedicated to helping its members with that investment. Our goal is to recognize and reward students who are active in both their school and community – giving back to others through their participation, service and volunteer work.

We will award scholarships to qualifying students who will enter an accredited academic program for the 2020-2021 academic years as a full-time undergraduate student. No graduate hours will be funded.

## Applicant Qualifications

- Graduating high school senior enrolling in a two or four year college, community college student transferring into a four year university, adult student returning to college
- Must be a primary member of Panhandle Federal Credit Union. Account must be established prior to application for scholarship.
- A cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4-point scale) or 3.5 (on a 5-point scale)
- SAT or ACT scores will be taken into consideration
- Community and/or school involvement
- Financial need
- Employees, officials or immediate family members of are not eligible

The primary focus of the PFCU Scholarship is an applicant's academic achievement and service to community. The applicants will be scored as follows

- Academic Achievement (25%)
- Community Involvement (25%)
- Extra-Curricular Activities (including athletics) (25%)
- Essay (25%)

## How to Apply

1. Read all instructions completely and thoroughly
2. Fill out the application legibly.
  - a. An official copy of your school transcript including your GPA and ACT or SAT scores;
  - b. A recommendation from someone other than a parent/guardian who has experience working with you either through a school activity, job or community involvement (form provided)
  - c. A one page essay that answers **ONE** of the three essay questions found in the following application.
3. Application and supporting documents must be postmarked by **Wednesday, June 3, 2020**. No exceptions!
4. Mail completed application and documents in a single envelope to:

Panhandle Federal Credit Union  
Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 26  
Wellington, KS 67152

5. When your application is received, we will e-mail you a confirmation of receipt within 7 business days. Valid email address must be provided to receive this confirmation.

### Your application will NOT be considered if it is:

- **Late** – Application must be postmarked by Wednesday, June 3, 2020;
- **Incomplete** – Applications must be completely filled out and sent with, ALL supporting documents; incomplete applications will be filed with no action taken and no notification to the applicant;
- **Unqualified** – Applicants must meet ALL of the qualifications.

## Important Dates

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020

Application postmark deadline

Wednesday, July 22nd, 2020

Announcement of recipients via email

**QUESTIONS? Please contact Nedra Ybarra, Vice-President of Operations  
nrypfcu@sutv.com**

## APPLICATION TIPS

To make the application process less stressful and to help our applicants complete the process fully and correctly, we have compiled a list of helpful hints. Read over these tips to gain insight for your essay and the rest of your application. Keep yourself from making common mistakes. We want you to succeed and we look forward to reviewing your application. Good Luck!

1. Always follow the specific direction of the application.
2. Print the application and legibly write in the information. Once you have completed the form, sign and date it. Applications that are illegible will be disqualified.
3. Ask for and obtain all required documents well in advance of when you will need them. It often takes others weeks to gather, prepare or write the documents you need. Be courteous and give them ample time to do so.
4. Make sure you understand the purpose of the essay. Analyze the topic and make sure you understand all parts of the questions. Appropriately addressing your essay question is the first step to an outstanding application.
5. Make your essay stand out. Answer the topic that will best describe your unique qualities or situation. Set yourself apart from the crowd. Remember, you are competing against a potentially large number of other applicants. You want to be memorable.
6. Make certain that you organize all the things you want to communicate or show about yourself through the essay before writing. This helps you include each point as you write.
7. Double-check your spelling and grammar throughout the entire application. Remember the essay must be no more than one page.
8. Have someone review your application, essay and documents before mailing it to ensure you've collected and filled out everything you need. Do not ask a Panhandle Federal Credit Union staff member to review any part of your application before submitting it.

## 2020 Panhandle Federal Credit Union Scholarship Application

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First Name

M.I.

Last Name

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Address

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City

State

Zip

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Phone #

E-mail Address (REQUIRED)

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Current School

District

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School Address

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City

State

Zip

School Phone #

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GPA

SAT Score (Whichever applies) ACT Score

(If you are a student that has not been in school recently and have no test scores, please write a note to explain your situation.)

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Name of ONE college you plan to attend

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Proposed Field of Study

Please list other Scholarships or grants already awarded to you and amounts: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **School/Work/Community Involvement**

In the grid below, please list any school involvements, jobs or community involvements you have, the number of hours you have spent participating in that activity, and a brief description of the activity and your role. Please list your top 5 activities ONLY.

Activity Name	Hours Contributed	Description of Activity and Your Role

# Scholarship Recommendation Form

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 1

Please circle the score which best represents your evaluation of the scholarship applicant. If you have no fair basis for judgment, please check the box under N/A.

Character	Circle Score										N/A
	Low									High	
Motivation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Initiative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Originality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Self-confidence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Warmth of personality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Concern for others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Ability to react positively to setbacks	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Respect for peers and/or co-workers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Respect for adults and persons in leadership	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 2

Please attach a written statement regarding how this applicant has met and/or exceeded your expectations as a student or employee. **A written statement is necessary for the recommendation form to be considered by the committee. Return both parts of your completed form to the applicant. Thank you!**

## Essay Questions

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer ONE of the following sets of questions in an essay with a maximum length of one page. Your essay must be typed or legibly written to be considered.

- Describe the impact attending college will have on your future. What do you hope to achieve by going to college? How will your future be impacted by getting your degree? How do you see your college aspiration and future career benefitting the community at large?
- Describe a person who has been uniquely influential in your life. How did this person come into your life? What insight or wisdom did this person impart on you? How has this person and his/her perspective changed you and your perspective?
- Describe an obstacle or difficult life experience you had to overcome. How did you overcome it? How did the experience make you change or grow in a positive way? What advice would you give others that have endured a similar hardship?

I certify that all information provided on this application and all supporting documents are accurate and complete. I understand that any misleading or false information will result in my application being disqualified. If selected as a scholarship winner, I give full consent for the use of my name and photograph to be used for promotional and publicity purposes. I understand that the decision of Panhandle Federal Credit Union's Scholarship Committee is final.

**To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby give permission for school officials to release my school record and other requested information, if necessary**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Only required if applicant is under the age of 18)

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