

DuTrac Community Credit Union

2017-2018 Academic Scholarship Program

DuTrac Community Credit Union announces its 2017-2018 Academic Scholarship Program. This program is available to graduating high school seniors who are members in good standing for at least one year at DuTrac Community Credit Union.*

The purpose of these scholarships is to recognize members of DuTrac Community Credit Union who have demonstrated scholastic excellence and who are interested in advancing their education at an accredited community college, trade school, technical college or university. Up to seven (4 - \$500 and 3 - \$1000) non-renewable scholarships will be awarded to qualified student(s). Applicants may qualify for only one award.

Eligibility

1. Entrants must have an account established and be a "member in good standing" for at least one year at DuTrac Community Credit Union.
2. Entrants must be classified as a high-school senior and be accepted as an incoming freshman at an accredited community college, trade school, technical college or university.

Entry Requirements

1. Entrants must complete an application available online at www.dutracs.org.

There are two different options available to apply for this scholarship.

- Entrants must write an essay with a minimum of 500 words double-spaced on the following topic:

You and a friend would like to start building your credit. Discuss with your friend what good credit is, ways to start building credit, how your credit union can help, and the benefits earned by having good credit.

- Create a 60 to 90-second in length video spotlighting the following topic:

The importance of financial literacy in schools.

2. The essay or video must be the original work of the entrant.
3. Entrants must complete, sign and attach an official scholarship application along with most recent high school transcript, essay or video and college acceptance letter**.
4. Drop off completed application, essay or video, most recent high school transcript and college acceptance letter to any DuTrac Community Credit Union office or mail to DuTrac Community Credit Union, P.O. Box 3250, Dubuque, IA 52004-3250, Attn: Karen Tegeler, by Friday, March 24, 2017.

*Children of DuTrac Community Credit Union employees are not eligible for this scholarship.

** **Incomplete or applications not fulfilling the entry requirements will not be included in the judging.**

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Judging

- Judging will be accomplished by a panel of impartial judges selected by DuTrac Community Credit Union. DuTrac Community Credit Union will calculate the results, announce and contact the winners.
- Each judge will award a maximum of 10 points for combined curricular and extracurricular activities and 10 points in the area of scholastic achievement. An additional 30 points will be awarded based on the personal essay or video. Judges will base essay and video scores on the following: originality, correct grammar and punctuation, neatness, spelling and clarity of intent.
- All entries will become the property of DuTrac Community Credit Union upon receipt.
- By submitting your video entry, you grant permission to DuTrac Community Credit Union to post your submission on the www.dutracs.org website and affiliate websites.
- If entering a video essay it must be an original video that is 60 to 90 seconds in length. When filming video, entrants are to obtain written permission of third parties if filming on property other than that of the entrant's. If music is incorporated into the entrant's video, the entrant is responsible for submitting a complete list of production credits. Music must be original or written permission by the music's composer/author must be provided.
- The video submission must meet the following criteria:
 - Video entries must not be derogatory, offensive, threatening, defamatory, disparaging, and libelous or contain any content that is inappropriate, indecent, sexual, profane, indecent, slanderous, and discriminatory in any way. DuTrac Community Credit Union reserves the right to discard or disqualify any entry it deems to contain inappropriate, offensive or is not in keeping with DuTrac's image.
 - It must not contain content, material, or any element that displays any third-party advertising, slogan, logo, trademark, or otherwise indicates a sponsorship or endorsement by a third party.
 - It must be an original, unpublished work that does not contain, incorporate, or otherwise use any content, music, material, or element that is owned by a third party or entity. Failing to provide proper documentation of permission to use such materials will result in the entry being disqualified.
 - Videos from digital cameras, camcorders, and phones are all acceptable if they're in .wmv, avi, .mov, or .mpg format and must be successfully submitted via e-mail.

Administrative Rules and Procedures

1. Selected winner must begin studies within one year of the date of written notification of the scholarship award.
2. Selected winner must be enrolled as a full-time student for second semester at an accredited community college, trade school, technical college or university and provide DuTrac Community Credit Union with written verification of full-time enrollment before funds can be released.
3. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution in the name of the recipient within three months of written notification of full-time enrollment for the second semester. If the recipient decides later not to attend post-graduate school or becomes ineligible per the guidelines outlined herein, he/she must forfeit the scholarship funds.
4. Scholarship funds will be used for tuition reimbursement only.
5. Applicants must provide an official copy of their most recent high school transcript, completed application, essay of at least 500 words double-spaced or video and college acceptance letter.

Authority of DuTrac Community Credit Union

1. DuTrac Community Credit Union has the sole authority to amend rules to ensure fairness in the awarding of these scholarships.
2. For additional information or questions concerning this scholarship program, please contact Karen Tegeler at ktegeler@dutracs.org or by calling (563) 585-8584 or 800-475-1331, ext. 8584.

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Complete all portions of this application (please print clearly or type) and return with most recent high school transcript, essay or video and college acceptance letter by Friday, March 24, 2017.

Date: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Member Account Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Graduating High School: _____

High School Telephone: _____

High School Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Class Rank: _____

ACT Composite Score: _____

S.A.T. Scores: Verbal: _____ Written: _____
(if taken)

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Please list honors and awards:

Please list curricular, extracurricular and work activities: (Attach additional sheet if necessary)

Activity/Organization	Position(s) Held	Term of Involvement

College/University planning to attend: _____

Planned course of study: _____

Current annual cost of tuition: _____

Please list scholarships or awards received and amounts:

Name of Scholarship/Award	Dollar Amount

Sworn Statement

I swear the above information is true and that the attached essay is my original work. I understand all submitted materials become the property of DuTrac Community Credit Union when received by DuTrac Community Credit Union and its use may be for any activity deemed appropriate. I agree to cooperate with DuTrac Community Credit Union in promotional activities related to the scholarship competition and, should I be awarded a scholarship, give DuTrac permission to use my name and photo in promotional activities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Provide complete application, essay, most recent high school transcript, and a copy of the college acceptance to any DuTrac Community Credit Union office no later than Friday, March 24, 2017.

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