

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



RULES, REGULATIONS, AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

The Dupaco Community Credit Union College Scholarship Program awards a total of fifteen \$2,000 nonrenewable scholarships. Ten \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to first-time, full-time incoming freshman who will be attending an accredited four-year college or university. Five \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to first-time, incoming students who will be attending an accredited community college, trade school or technical college for a degree, diploma or certificate.

I. Eligibility

- A. Entrants must be completing high school in 2019 and will be classified as a first-time, full-time incoming freshman attending an accredited four-year college or university for the 2019/2020 academic year.
- B. Entrants must be completing high school in 2019 and will be classified as a first-time, incoming student who plans to attend an accredited community college, trade school or technical college for a degree, diploma or certificate during the 2019/2020 academic year.

II. Entry Requirements

Entrants must submit all materials mentioned below in sections II. A-C by the deadline date, which is 5:00 p.m. (CT), February 26, 2019. Incomplete or applications not fulfilling the entry requirements will not be included in the judging.

- A. Entrants must complete the online application found in Shine Online Banking (log in and click on the scholarship graphic). If unable to access Shine Online Banking to apply, entrants may enter at the non-member link located at <http://www.dupaco.com/scholarships>.
- B. All entrants must submit an official high school transcript, and if applicable, verification of A.C.T./S.A.T scores. Documents must be mailed to the following address:
Dupaco Community Credit Union
Attn: Emily Kress / 2019 Scholarship Program
3999 Pennsylvania Ave.
Dubuque, IA 52002
- C. Applicants must address the topic below in ONE of the two acceptable formats:
 - **Written essay:** Entrants must submit an original, typed, 500-word essay centralizing this year's topic.
 - **Creative video:** Entrants must submit a 150- to 180-second, original video centralizing this year's topic.
 - **2019 Scholarship Topic:** "How has technology impacted the way you learn about money and finances? Outside of Dupaco, what digital service, company or product has had an impact on you as a student as well as a consumer? Please include what impresses you about the service and why."

III. Judging

- A. Judging will be accomplished by a panel of impartial judges selected by the Dupaco Community Credit Union Marketing Committee. Dupaco Community Credit Union will calculate the results, announce and contact the winners. All decisions are final. Winners and their high school counselors (if current high school student) will be notified by email on or before April 12, 2019.
- B. Judges will take into consideration each of the following areas: Scholastic standing, extracurricular activities, financial need, and the written essay or video.
- C. Written essays will be judged primarily on meaningful content, but originality, clarity, spelling, grammar, and punctuation will also be considered.
- D. Video entries must be 150- to 180-seconds in length and will be judged primarily on creativity and how well the content aligns with the video topic.
- E. 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, slanderous, and discriminatory in any way. Dupaco Community Credit Union reserves the right to discard or disqualify any entry it deems to contain inappropriate, offensive or is not keeping with Dupaco's image.
 - 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.
 - 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. Entrants must submit the video by providing a YouTube link (privacy settings must be public so we can view it) in the appropriate field of the online application.
- F. Any statistics, quotes or information coming from an outside source must be cited. *Failure to cite sources is considered plagiarism and will result in disqualification.* Entrants may reference content across www.dupaco.com without the need for citation in order to illustrate points that are critical to the essay or video topic.
- G. All scholarship entries become the exclusive property of Dupaco Community Credit Union and by signing the electronic application, the entrant is giving Dupaco Community Credit Union permission to publish their written essay or video on Dupaco's website, affiliate websites, and social media.

IV. Administrative/Award Procedures

- A. Limit of one scholarship per winner.
- B. Winners must begin studies within one year of the date of written notification of the scholarship award.
- C. Winners must be enrolling as full-time (if applicable), first-year students at accredited colleges, universities, community colleges, technical colleges or trade schools.
- D. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution in the name of the recipient prior to the start of the student's enrollment date. If the recipient later decides not to pursue post-secondary education, or decides to attend an ineligible college or university, he/she will become ineligible and must forfeit the scholarship funds.
- E. Funds are to be used only for tuition, room and board, books or supplies (supplies must be approved by Dupaco Community Credit Union).

V. Authority of Dupaco Community Credit Union

- A. Dupaco Community Credit Union has the authority to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness in the awarding of the scholarships.
- B. Any questions regarding the scholarship program should be emailed to marketing@dupaco.com.

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