

# GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

## TARRANT COUNTY'S CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONTEST WRITTEN ESSAY RULES 2024

### Qualifications:

- You must be a Member in Good Standing as of October, 2023, and a High School Senior graduating before August 1, 2024
- You must be a recent high school graduate 19 or under
- You must be enrolling in an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school during the 2024 academic year.
- You must submit three letters of recommendation from leaders in your community, church or school. Letters from family members, regardless of their position or standing in the community, will not be accepted.

### Essay Topic:

**“How will this scholarship impact your financial future?”**

### Essay Instructions:

- Your essay should answer the Essay Topic question above.
- Your essay should be two to three typed pages
- Only one essay submission per person
- Submissions must be original work
- All entries must be received by April 5, 2024

### Scholarship Award(s):

- The number of awards depends upon the number of applications received.
- At least one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. This scholarship will be paid as follows: \$500-Fall semester, \$500-Spring semester.
- Payment will be made by Credit Union Teller Check payable to the school where the recipient is enrolled or enrolling.
- The winner will be notified prior to April 28, 2024 and listed on our website, and will be announced at the following Tarrant County's Credit Union Annual Meeting.
- Acceptance of the prize shall constitute permission for TCCU to use the winner's name and likeness for the purposes of advertising, promotion and publicity without additional compensation. All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winner.
- The winning entry may be published on the Xtreme Team web site, in the Credit Union office and/or in any other publication or location the Credit Union deems appropriate.

### Essay Evaluation Criteria:

Judges evaluating the essays will use the following criteria:

- Does the essay present a clear focus of the topic?
- Does the essay display originality?
- Does the essay possess clear writing skills, including spelling and grammar?

### Evaluation Process:

Contest judges will see no identifying information about entrants. A panel of judges comprised of TCCU Board members and TCCU employees will select the essays that best meet the above criteria. Recipients may be required to meet with the President/CEO to discuss the contents of his or her essay to validate authorship. Should the originality of the work become questionable, the President/CEO shall direct the Scholarship Committee to select an alternate essay to receive the award. In addition, in the event of a

tie, those essays may be reevaluated by an appointed TCCU Board member or TCCU employee to determine a winner. All decisions will be final.

Consideration will also be given to the number of TCCU products and/or services used by the applicant. Scoring will be as follows:

Products and/or Services Used	Points	Essay Percentage	Possible Essay Points	Total Maximum Points
1	20	50%	50	70
2	35	50%	50	85
3	50	50%	50	100

### How to Submit an Essay:

You may obtain an official contest entry form at any TCCU branch, on our website at [tccu-tx.com](http://tccu-tx.com) or by calling 817-884-1470 ext. 136 to request one be mailed to you.

The text of your essay should be double-spaced and typed using 12-point font. The pages should have one-inch margins and be numbered. Please do not include any identifying information on the essay. Send your completed official contest application, your essay, and letters of recommendation to:

[mburleson@tccu-tx.com](mailto:mburleson@tccu-tx.com)

OR

Tarrant County's Credit Union  
Annual Scholarship Contest  
200 Taylor Street, Suite 215  
Fort Worth, TX 76196

All entries shall become the property of Tarrant County's Credit Union and cannot be returned. Tarrant County's Credit Union will not be responsible for entries that are lost, damaged, illegible, incomplete, misdirected, arrive with postage due or do not have names and addresses.