

RETURNING COLLEGE STUDENTS

TARRANT COUNTY'S CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONTEST WRITTEN ESSAY RULES 2025

Qualifications:

- You must be a Member in Good Standing as of October 31, 2024, age 18 – 25 years, currently attending your continuing education classes and re-enrolling in the fall 2025 semester.
- You must have been enrolled in your curriculum and attending classes during the preceding spring and fall semesters. You must include a copy of your most recent transcript with your application and essay submission.
- You must be an undergraduate student enrolled in an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school during the 2025 academic year.

Essay Topic:

“What is the greatest obstacle you face in pursuing your continuing education?”

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 11, 2025
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Scholarship Awards:

- The number of awards depends upon the number of applications received.
- At least one \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded.
- 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 30, 2025 and will be announced on our website and at the following Tarrant County's Credit Union Business 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 Credit Union's web site, in the Credit Union office and/or in any other publication or location the Credit Union deems appropriate.

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	10	50%	50	60
2	20	50%	50	70
3	30	50%	50	80
4	40	50%	50	90
5 or more	50	50%	50	100

How to Submit an Essay:

You may obtain an official contest entry form at any TCCU branch, on TCCU’s website at tccu-tx.com, or by calling us at 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 transcript to:

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.