

Security First Credit Union (SFCU) will be awarding five (5) \$1,000 scholarships for the 2021 -2022 academic year. Submissions are reviewed by our Scholarship Committee and are scored based on the completed application, required documentation, and the completed essay. Reference letters are not required, however, are strongly encouraged.

The scholarship application program begins on **November 2, 2020**, and ends **April 30, 2021*** (*Note: this date is subject to change. Should a change occur, a notice will be posted to our website. Refer to page 6 for submission options). Selected scholarship recipients will be notified no later than **May 31, 2021**, by email. By submission of application, Security First Credit Union reserves the right to use selected applicants' names and any likeness thereof for promotional purposes, including, but not limited to, social media, print, and web.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The applicant must be an SFCU member with an active account in good standing, as of 12/31/2020. If you currently do not have an account but want to apply for the scholarship, please visit your nearest branch to open an account by 12/31/2020. To open an account with SFCU, you must either live, work, worship, or study in any of the four (4) Rio Grande counties (Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy).
- The applicant must be a graduating high school student.
- The applicant must be accepted into an accredited college, university, or other postsecondary institution for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- An unofficial copy of current high school transcripts.
- Postsecondary acceptance letter(s) on official typed letterhead.
- Completed essay – please refer to page 5 for the essay topic and instructions.

OTHER

- Reference letters may be submitted (with your application) from your choice of teachers, counselors, employers, or community leaders. If unable to submit with your application, these can be mailed or emailed. Please refer to page 7 for the contact details.
- All scholarship funds will be made payable directly to the recipients' attending postsecondary institution.
- Open to children of Security First Credit Union employees. The applicant must be a member or become a member by 12/31/20.
- Not open to children of Security First Credit Union board members and senior staff.
- The applicant must submit all required documents with application.
- Incomplete applications will not be eligible.

HOW TO APPLY

ONLINE APPLICATION: *This application process must be done entirely in one sitting. There is NO option to save or return to complete the application later.* Visit securityfirstcu.com and select the Scholarship graphic/link or go directly to securityfirstcu.com/scholarship-program. Follow the prompts and ensure all documentation is ready (required essay, reference letters [if submitting], unofficial copy of transcript[s] as stated in, and postsecondary acceptance letter[s]).

IN-PERSON OR EMAIL: A fillable PDF application is available on our website. You may drop-off along with the required documents at any of our eight convenient locations. Alternatively, you can email in PDF format to the Marketing Department at marketing@securityfirstcu.com. For locations, please visit our website.



2021 Scholarship Application**APPLICANT INFORMATION**Applicant's SFCU Account Number: _____ ☐ Primary ☐ JointHow did you hear about this scholarship: ☐ In-Branch ☐ Statement Notice ☐ Social Media☐ My School ☐ Other _____

First Name: _____ M.I: _____ Last Name: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Father/Guardian Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____ Occupation: _____

First Generation College Student? **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ Number of Siblings currently in college? _____Are you currently classified as a graduating high school senior? **Y** ☐ **N** ☐

School Name: _____ County: _____

Dual Enrollment Student? **Y** ☐ **N** ☐ Hours Earned: _____

Dual Enrollment Hours Completed at: _____

Have you been accepted into an accredited university or other postsecondary institution for the 2021 -
2022 School Year? **Y** ☐ **N** ☐School Name: _____ ☐ Fall 2021 ☐ Spring 2022School Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Organization/Club	Elected Position <i>(If applicable)</i>	Dates Active
_____	_____	From _____ to _____
_____	_____	From _____ to _____
_____	_____	From _____ to _____
_____	_____	From _____ to _____
_____	_____	From _____ to _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Activity	Accumulated Hours	Dates Active
_____	_____	From _____ to _____
_____	_____	From _____ to _____
_____	_____	From _____ to _____
_____	_____	From _____ to _____
_____	_____	From _____ to _____

HONORS AND AWARDS

Title	Basis for Award	Year Received
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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WORK HISTORY - PAID OR VOLUNTEER

Please list jobs you have held or are currently holding. Provide a brief description of your position and responsibilities, dates of employment, and hours worked weekly, monthly, or annually.

Business:

Position: _____

Date: from _____ **to** _____

Hours Worked: _____ ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually

Responsibilities:

Business:

Position: _____

Date: from _____ **to** _____

Hours Worked: _____ ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually

Responsibilities:

Business:

Position: _____

Date: from _____ **to** _____

Hours Worked: _____ ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually

Responsibilities:



ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the below essay question. Please TYPE and do NOT include your name on the essay. Please ensure your essay is included with your application submission.

TOPIC QUESTION:

Explain how the environment in which you were raised has shaped you as a person. How do you feel you have contributed to your community and how you would apply the credit union's philosophy of "People Helping People" in today's society?

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE (OPTIONAL)

Please describe briefly below:

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POSTSECONDARY FUNDING INFORMATION

Please provide the below information for fund distribution. Funds **WILL NOT BE distributed** directly to the applicant. *If the below information is not available at this time, please leave this section blank. Awarding recipients will be contacted via email at the time of distribution.*

Student ID Number: _____

School Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

School Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Attention to: _____ (i.e., Financial Aid, Admissions, etc.)

CERTIFICATION

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, Security First Credit Union reserves the right to use the selected applicant's name and any likeness thereof for promotional purposes, including, but not limited to, social media, print, and web.

Applicant's Signature Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if applicant is under age 18) Date



SUBMISSION OPTIONS

A completed application (pages 2 – 6) and required documents may be submitted electronically, by mail or delivered to any of our eight branches by the application **deadline*** (*Note: this date is subject to change. Should a change occur, a notice will be posted to our website). Please refer below:

MAIL

Must be postmarked no later than **April 30, 2021***. Please mail to:

SECURITY FIRST CREDIT UNION

ATTN: Marketing Department

PO BOX 4829

McAllen, TX 78502

ONLINE

Application and required documents may be submitted through the online application until **11:59 PM CST April 30, 2021***. **Note: The Application link will be deactivated after the cut-off time.**

EMAIL

Must be received via email by **11:59 PM on April 30, 2021***. Please email to Marketing@securityfirstcu.com.

BRANCH DROP-OFF

We have eight convenient locations throughout the Rio Grande Valley. Must be dropped off no later than **April 30, 2021* 5:30 PM**.