

Security First Federal Credit Union (SFFCU) will be awarding eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships for the 2023-2024 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, they are strongly encouraged.

The scholarship application program begins on **August 5, 2022, and** ends on **January 31, 2023**. Selected scholarship recipients will be notified no later than **March 31, 2023**, by email. By submission of application, Security First Federal 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 SFFCU member with an active account in good standing as of 12/31/2022. 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 12/31/2022. To open an account with SFFCU, you must either live, work, worship, or study in any of the four (4) Rio Grande counties (Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy). If the applicant is already a member but has relocated, they are still eligible to apply.
- The applicant must be classified as a graduating high school student.
- The applicant must be accepted into an accredited college, university, or other postsecondary institution for the 2023-2024 academic year.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- An unofficial copy of the applicant's current high school transcripts.
- Applicant's postsecondary acceptance letter(s) on official typed letterhead.
- Completed SFCU essay – please refer to page 5 for the essay topic and instructions.
- If selected as a scholarship recipient, an Enrollment Verification Letter from the applicant's attending postsecondary institution will be required.

OTHER:

- Reference letters may be submitted (with your application) from your choice of teachers, counselors, employers, or community leaders. If unable to submit your application, these can be mailed or emailed separately before the application deadline. Reference letters are not required; however, they are strongly encouraged.
- All scholarship funds will be made payable directly to the recipients attending postsecondary institutions.
- Open to children of Security First Federal Credit Union employees. The applicant must be a member or become a member by 12/31/22.
- Not open to children of Security First Federal Credit Union board members and senior staff.
- Incomplete applications will not be eligible.

HOW TO APPLY

DROP-OFF OR EMAIL: You may drop off this application 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.



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's SFFCU account number: _____ Primary Joint

How 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: _____

Which postsecondary institution do you plan to attend for the Fall 2023 semester?

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

Have you already registered? **Y** **N** Student ID Number: _____

If you have not registered yet, when will you do so? _____

What degree/major will you be pursuing? _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please provide the last five organizations/positions held during your high school tenure:

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

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please provide the last five community organizations involved in during your high school tenure:

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

HONORS AND AWARDS

Please provide the last five honors/awards received during your high school tenure:

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



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 INSTRUCTIONS

On a separate document, please answer the below essay question. Please TYPE and do NOT include your name on the essay. A maximum of 500 words is required. Please ensure your essay is included with your application submission.

TOPIC QUESTION: Who has been the most influential person in your life?

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE (OPTIONAL)

Please describe briefly below. Please note, that this section is not for the required essay. This is only if you have an extenuating circumstance you would like to include.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FUNDING

If selected as a scholarship recipient, an Enrollment Verification Letter from the applicant's attending postsecondary institution will be required. Security First Federal Credit Union will communicate with the award recipients by email. **FUNDS WILL NOT BE distributed** directly to the applicant.

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 Federal Credit Union reserves the right to use the chosen 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 January 31, 2023.**

MAIL

Must be postmarked no later than **January 31, 2023.** Please mail to:

SECURITY FIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

ATTN: Marketing Department

PO BOX 4829

McAllen, TX 78502

EMAIL

Must be received via email by **11:59 PM on January 31, 2023.** Please email:

Marketing@securityfirstcu.com.

DROP-OFF

We have eight convenient locations throughout the Rio Grande Valley. Must be dropped off no later than **January 31, 2023, at 5:00 PM.**