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Scholarship Program 2012

About our Scholarship

Garden Island Federal Credit Union would like to assist the youth of our credit union pursuing higher education, with our 2012 scholarship program. This year Garden Island FCU will offer \$1,000 scholarships to three (3) high school seniors. Only those students who have submitted all required documentation by the stated deadline will be considered eligible candidates for the award. The scholarship may be used to pay for educational expenses such as tuition, books, room and board, fees and supplies. If the student does not enroll in the 2012 Fall semester, the scholarship funds must be returned.

Eligibility

Applicant must:

- Be a member - or a child/grandchild of a member – in good standing, of Garden Island Federal Credit Union
- Be a graduating high school senior planning to enroll full-time in any accredited college, university or trade school in the 2012 Fall semester
- Be willing to have their picture published

Scholarship Criteria

Each applicant must include each item below to meet the criteria of a “completed” application.

1. **Current Official High School Transcript** including **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** or **American College Test (ACT)** score results.
2. **Two (2) Letters of Recommendation** that may come from the Principal, teacher, school counselor, employer, religious leader or any individual not related or living with you.
3. **Essay or Personal Statement** up to 500 words on why you are choosing your particular career and how Garden Island Federal Credit Union’s scholarship will help you in this profession.
4. **Completion of the attached Scholarship Application**, which includes a list of academic achievements, community service, extra-curricular activities and financial needs.

A Scholarship Committee as appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Garden Island Federal Credit Union will examine all application materials submitted by each applicant and make a final selection of the scholarship winner. The Scholarship Committee will review and consider any recommendations or other evidence (such as academic honors, extra-curricular activities, etc.) of the applicant’s character or abilities. The Scholarship Committee will base its decisions on the entire record of each applicant, including the applicant’s financial needs. Scholarship winners will be notified in May by mail. Each winning scholarship recipient’s name and photo will also appear in the credit union’s newsletter in July. All other applicants will be notified by mail of the outcome of the selection process.

Your completed application must be mailed in one envelope postmarked no later than **March 30, 2012** to the **Scholarship Committee at Garden Island Federal Credit Union, 2973 Kele Street, Lihue, Hawaii 96766**. Only completed entries will be considered. If you have any questions regarding this program, please call Kim Tamaoka at (808) 245-2712 ext. 8761. Thank you for your participation in the Garden Island Federal Credit Union Scholarship program.

Garden Island Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program Application

(To be completed by Applicant. Please type or print clearly.)

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Other): _____ Email: _____

Credit Union Account No: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Name of High School: _____ Graduation Date (Month/Year): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of School you plan to attend: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Intended Field of Study: _____ Expected graduation date (Month/Year): _____

Indicate Universities or Colleges you have been accepted to attend. Attach copies of letters of acceptance. Please include written notice if not yet received and forward upon receipt.

LIST OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

*List activities with which you were involved, and your level of participation and leadership roles.
(Attach an additional sheet if needed)*

School Activities (Including sports, student government, clubs and extra-curricular activities)

Activity/Club	Length of Participation	Role in Group

Which of these school activities was most important to you? Explain why:

Community Service

Activity/Club	Length of Participation	Role in Group

Which of these community activities was most important to you? Explain why:

Achievements and Awards

Activity/Club	Length of Participation	Name of Award

Which of these achievements and awards were most important to you? Explain why:

Current or Previous Employment

List any jobs you have had or are currently employed at:

Employer	Dates	Responsibilities	Hours Per Week

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total Household Taxable Income: \$ _____
 (From most recent Federal Tax forms where Student is claimed as dependent)

Estimated 2012-2013 Annual Educational Expenses

Tuition & Fees \$ _____
 Room & Board \$ _____
 Books & Supplies \$ _____
 Travel \$ _____
 Other (please specify) _____ \$ _____

 Total Educational Expenses \$ _____

Estimated Funds Available:

Scholarships Confirmed \$ _____
 College Financial Aid \$ _____
 Savings \$ _____
 Expected Family Contribution \$ _____

 Total Funds Available \$ _____

Will you be working to help pay for education expenses? [] Yes [] No
 If yes, please estimate your weekly income: \$ _____

Total number of Dependents in household: _____
 (Claimed on same Federal Tax forms as above)
 Number of **these** Dependents enrolled in college: _____

Include an explanation describing your need for financial assistance.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Place a check mark [✓] on the following that will accompany this scholarship form. Application is complete and valid only when you have included:

- [] Current Official Transcript including SAT or ACT scores
- [] Two (2) letters of recommendation that are from:
 1. _____
 2. _____
- [] Personal Essay
- [] Copies of Letters of Acceptance from universities or colleges you have been accepted to attend
- [] Completed application which includes a list of academic achievements, community service, extra-curricular activities and financial needs

CERTIFICATION

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the above information is accurate and correct. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to give proof to the information that I have given on this form. I realize that if I do not give proof when asked, I may not be considered for the award.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____