





## 2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Western Division Federal Credit Union will be awarding **six \$1,000 scholarships** to high school seniors graduating in June 2012, and who are accepted for entrance to an accredited 2 or 4 year College or University. In addition, the applicant who demonstrates the highest score for “Outstanding Service to the Community” will be awarded a **\$500 scholarship** in memory of our former Board Member, Richard Walleshauser.

**Basic Eligibility Requirements** - The applicant must (a) be a graduating high school senior enrolling directly to an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university AND (b) be a member in good standing of Western Division before August 1, 2011 to apply.

**Scoring Categories** - Each of the following categories (a-f) will be weighted – ties will be broken by awards and offices held (e).

- (a) Applicant must provide a copy of your official high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores. Your transcript must include a grade point average.
- (b) Applicant must submit a Letter of Explanation addressing the topic requested.
- (c) Applicant should provide a list of all participation in school, work and internships.
- (d) Applicant should provide a list of all community service.
- (e) Applicant should provide a list of all awards and offices held.
- (f) Applicant must submit an Essay addressing the topic requested.

**College Acceptance** – Scholarship funds will be awarded in April 2012 and will be held in the applicant's Western Division membership account. Western Division must receive a copy of an acceptance letter from the accredited 2 or 4 year college or university that the applicant will attend prior to the release of scholarship funds. (Scholarship funds will be forfeited back to the Western Division Scholarship Fund if the letter of acceptance is not received from the applicant before the end of the year of the award, December 31, 2012.

**Award Guidelines** – All scholarships will be awarded on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to an applicant's race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age or religion. The Western Division FCU Scholarship Program is not affiliated with any other scholarship program.

**Deadline** - Western Division must receive the attached application including all requested materials by **Friday, February 17, 2012**. Postmark date will prevail. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure that all items are submitted together (in one package) to the address below. Incomplete packages will not be admissible.

**Western Division Federal Credit Union  
2012 Scholarship Program  
6750 Main Street  
Williamsville, NY 14221**



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### Applicant Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: 2012

High School Administrator/Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Western Division FCU Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

What college or university have you applied or received acceptance to for the Fall?

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What major and/or degree do you plan to pursue?

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**Letter of Explanation**

Applicant must submit a letter explaining to the committee on what the student expects to achieve while in college. The letter should be double spaced and typed.

**Letter of Recommendation**

Applicant must submit one letter of recommendation from a non-family member: School District Administrator, teacher, team coach, employer, charity leader, etc.

**Essay**

Applicant must submit an essay discussing a turning point or the most important moment in your life thus far. The essay should be 300 - 500 words, double spaced and typed.

**School/Work/Internships** (please no Acronyms)

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**Community Service** (Approximate hours per week \_\_\_\_\_)

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**Awards/Office(s) Held**

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(Additional pages may be attached if necessary)



## SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST & AUTHORIZATION

- \_\_\_\_\_ Official High School Transcript and SAT/ACT scores
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Explanation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application

### Authorization

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. In addition, I give permission to Western Division's Scholarship Committee to duplicate my application packet for processing and evaluation purposes.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

An Independent Scholarship Committee will be enlisted to evaluate and select our scholarship recipients. Scholarships will be awarded in April 2012. You will be notified of the disposition of your application prior to that time. If you have any questions, please contact us at (716) 632-9328 or [www.westerndivision.org](http://www.westerndivision.org).