



Del Norte Credit Union Scholarship Program

THE PROGRAM

Del Norte Credit Union (DNCU) has established a scholarship program to assist credit union members who are high school seniors, homeschool seniors or GED* recipients and plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America®, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

* GED must be received in the same year enrolled in higher education courses.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a member of Del Norte Credit Union (DNCU) prior to the application deadline.
- Be a high school senior, equivalent home school senior or a recipient of a GED received in same year of higher education enrollment.
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).

AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a one time award of \$1,000. Up to ten (10) awards will be granted.

- ◆ Five awards will be granted to students from each of these five selected high schools. One award per school will be granted, assuming there are sufficient qualified applicants:
 - Los Alamos High School, Los Alamos, NM
 - Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe, NM
 - Capital High School, Santa Fe, NM
 - Pojoaque Valley High School, Pojoaque, NM
 - Espanola Valley High School, Espanola, NM
- ◆ Five awards will be granted from all other applicants. Two which will be from other high schools in the communities DNCU serves, one which will be for a home school student and two will be for recipients receiving their GED. If no applications are received from the latter two groups, additional scholarships will go to other high school applicants in DNCU's service area.

Awards are for undergraduate study only.

APPLICATION

Credit Union members interested in a scholarship may obtain an application from the Del Norte Credit Union website. All interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades to Scholarship America postmarked no later than **March 15**. Grade reports are not acceptable. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken.

Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgment card is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship America to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All applications received are considered confidential and are reviewed only by Scholarship America. Although not considered in the selection process, applicants are required to attach an essay that will be sent to Del Norte Credit Union for possible promotional purposes.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. Submitted essays are not part of the selection process. Financial need is not considered.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship America. In no instance does any officer or employee of the Del Norte Credit Union play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants will be notified in late April. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship America processes scholarship payments on behalf of the Del Norte Credit Union on August 1. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and are made payable to the school for the student.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to Del Norte Credit Union. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship America of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

REVISIONS

Del Norte Credit Union reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

Del Norte Credit Union Scholarship Program
Scholarship America
One Scholarship Way
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Telephone: (507) 931-1682