



2018 PSFCU Rising Star Scholarship Application

Dear Member:

As part of our mission in helping members achieve financial success, the Credit Union realizes the need for a solid education. Dreams of a higher education are often hindered by financial difficulties. With these values in mind, the Polish and Slavic Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program was created.

The PSFCU Rising Star Scholarship Program is open to any PSFCU member (*primary owner of the account; joint owners and children of owners do not qualify*). The PSFCU Rising Star Scholarship Program is open to students who will continue studying full or part time in 2018/2019. Current middle school, high school and/or college students are eligible. Scholarships will be awarded based on an **extraordinary** achievement in the field of academic, sport, music, art, science, leadership, or talent, etc. on the national or international level. PSFCU will evaluate the candidate's application based on achievement, academic success, extracurricular involvement and commitment to the community that Polish and Slavic FCU serves. *All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are considered final.*

This year's goal is to select 1 winner who will be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. The Committee will award one \$5,000 scholarship. A member is limited to **only one** grant during the life of this program.

Please mail **1 copy** of your completed, typed application and essay with a single copy of required documentation no later than **September 15, 2018**. Applications should be completed in English only. All Polish documents should have English translations attached. Awards will be issued directly to the scholarship recipients in the form of a check. Incomplete, late, faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. Mailing instructions and a full listing of required documents are outlined on page 5 of this application.

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME:

Personal Information

Last Name, First Name, Initial		Your Maiden Name/Other Last Names Used in the Past	
Date Of Birth:		Place Of Birth:	
(Permanent) Address		City, State, Zip	
(Alternate) Address		City, State, Zip	
Phone ()		E-Mail Address:	
Cellular Phone ()			
PSFCU Member #:		PSFCU Member Since (year):	
Have you ever received PSFCU Scholarship?		If so, in what year? What was your school level at the time: <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School <input type="checkbox"/> High-School <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate	

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME:

Academic Information

Your Current Status as of spring semester 2018 (Check all that apply):

- Full Time Student Part Time Student
 Undergraduate Graduate

Year in your current program: Length of your program: Your current/intended major:

List all Institutions attended since high-school:

School Name	Address (City, State)	Dates attended (MM/YY) include expected graduation dates	GPA	Degree Earned

List your academic distinctions/honors/awards (up to 10) List, in order of importance, **academic** honors, awards, distinctions etc. received **during the past 4 years** (candidates who interrupted their schooling should list awards received while they were in school).

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME:

List your 5 most important extracurricular achievements and briefly describe them.

Achievement	Date	Description

Essay

1) Mandatory. Answer the following essay question (*under 3000 words*) on an attached sheet of paper with your name. **Please describe in detail the achievement on which you have based your application, including why in your opinion you deserve to win this award.**

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Supporting Materials & Mailing Instructions

Along with this application please submit the following:

- 1) Official transcripts from ALL academic institutions.
- 2) Letter of reference, with recommendation written by a professor or mentor in support of the application. Please note that recommendations from family members are not permitted. Please indicate below the names and contact numbers of the people whom you asked to write your letters.
- 3) If changing schools by September 2018 send a copy of your acceptance letter from the school that you plan to enroll in.
- 4) Applicants should utilize tables on the application form. Additional materials in support of the candidate, constituting proof of the achievement, should be submitted along with the application.
- 5) Applicants must be PSFCU members at the time of application.
- 6) **Please mail completed application and essay, together with a single copy of the supporting documentation to:**

**PSFCU Scholarship Committee
9 Law Drive
Fairfield, NJ 07004**

***IMPORTANT!** Faxed, e-mailed and hand delivered (left in PSFCU branches) applications will not be considered.*

Affidavit of Eligibility and Release

I submit this Affidavit with the understanding that it will be relied upon to confirm my eligibility to be awarded a prize in the Scholarship Program:

- 1) I understand that I am solely responsible for all applicable taxes on my Scholarship which may be awarded to me.
- 2) For valuable consideration, I give PSFCU and their agents and assignees, full permission and authority to use, publish and display my name, photograph or likeness and or any biographical data I may provide and any statement that I may make concerning this Scholarship Program.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Signature (for Minor Applicants) _____ Date ____/____/____

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME: