TO: All Scholarship Applicants
FROM: Courtney Walchusky, community relations coordinator
DATE: September 30, 2019
RE: GPO FCU and NYCUA Scholarship Program

The Award
The New York Credit Union Association’s scholarship is an award ranging from $250 to $1,500 to be paid jointly to the student and educational institution. In addition, members will be eligible to win either a $1,000, $500, or $300 scholarship awarded through GPO Federal Credit Union.

Eligibility
The applicant must be GPO Federal Credit Union member in good standing and meet all of the following criteria:

- The member must be a college bound high school senior at the time of application
- The member will be attending college for the first time in the fall of 2020.
- The member will be enrolled in either a two- or four-year accredited educational institution.
- The member agrees to use any scholarship funds awarded only at an accredited educational institution by January 31, 2021.

1. Complete the attached scholarship application form. Applicants should type or print clearly, and use only the space provided on the form to answer the questions. Other than specified on the application form, no attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind should be used to answer the questions or be submitted. If the applicant is a member of more than one credit union and submits an application from both, only one application will be scored for a state level award. Both applications will be considered for any credit union level awards that may be available.

2. You and your parent or guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization on the back page of the application.

3. Submit your application directly to GPO Federal Credit Union before January 13, 2020, along with:
   _____ A high school transcript documenting your GPA for grades 9 through 11.
   _____ An SAT/PSAT/ACT transcript (obtained through the high school guidance office).
   _____ A typed, essay response.
   If any portion is incomplete or not included, the application will not be considered.

4. The application must be signed by a GPO Federal Credit Union employee in order to verify your credit union membership. You must be a member in good standing at GPO. If you are not a member of GPO, please visit your nearest branch to join. We have convenient locations in New Hartford, Downtown Utica, South Utica, Barneveld, Oneida, Ilion and Dolgeville.

Selection Process
Judging will be based on both subjective criteria and weighted, objective criteria. These include academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, the essay, etc. Winner notification will be sent in the Spring of 2020.

Good luck and we look forward to receiving your scholarship application!

For more information, contact Courtney Walchusky, community relations coordinator: (315) 724-1654, ext. 2923 or cwalchusky@gpofcu.com
Scholarship Applicant Information

This application will not be considered unless all information is completed in full, on this form only, and all requested documentation is provided.

Please type or print clearly, in ink, and use only the space provided on this form to answer the questions. Do not use any attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind to answer the questions. Please do not include letters of recommendation. Winners will be notified by your credit union in May.

Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________

City __________________ State _______ Zip _________

Phone _______________________________ Email _________________________

High School ___________________________ Anticipated Graduation Date ___ / ___ / ______

Name of College You Plan to Attend ________________________________

High School Honors and Awards

Please list honors and awards and grade(s) of participation. Use this space only.

Examples: honor roll, National Honor Society, Who’s Who, Principal’s awards, science fair awards, college book awards, student/athlete awards, Empire State Games team, Eagle Scout classification, Girl Scouts Gold award.

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High School Activities

Please list high school activities and grade(s) of participation. Use this space only.

Examples: sports teams, clubs, band, drama, choral, orchestra, yearbook, school newspaper, MathCounts, LifeSmarts, tutoring.

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Community Activities and Volunteer Work
Please list community activities and volunteer work and grade(s) of participation. Use this space only.
Examples: scouting, community service projects, community volunteerism, religious youth groups, youth counseling.

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Leadership Positions Held (elected or appointed)
Please list leadership positions held and the grade(s) of participation. Use this space only.
Examples: class officer, club officer, sports team leader, scouting leader, student government officer, band/orchestra 1st chair.

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 Essay
 Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following questions in a comprehensive essay. Your response should be typed, between 300-500 words and should include your full name in the top right corner. Points will be deducted if responses are not typed. Please be sure to cite all sources. If any portion of the essay is plagiarized, the application will be disqualified. Also, please ensure that you have answered each of the components of the essay. Personal narratives or other unrelated essays will not be eligible for credit.

 Question: Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that exist to serve members, not generate profit. "People helping people" is the philosophical foundation of these institutions. What do you see as the value of this foundation? Please explain.

 In addition:
• What makes your credit union different than a for-profit financial institution?
• How does your credit union demonstrate credit union's "people helping people" philosophy?
• If you ran your credit union, what is one new initiative/program you would implement?

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Certification and Release Authorization
The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship award.
- I certify this information is true, complete and accurate.
- I authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application.
- I agree to use any scholarship funds awarded at an accredited educational institution by January 31, 2020.
- I authorize the New York Credit Union Association and _______________ Credit Union Name
to publish my child's name and/or photo for the use of
promotional materials, news releases and/or social media.

Member Signature (Student) __________________________ Date __/__/___

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________ Date __/__/___

Application Verification
For Credit Union Use Only. The following information must be completed in full by sponsoring credit union management for the application to be considered.
- I hereby certify that the following applicant is a New York credit union member in good standing.

CU Manager Name __________________________

Signature __________________________

Official Credit Union Name GPO Federal Credit Union Date __/__/___

New York Credit Union Association
Chapter: _______________
(Please check one)

- Adirondack
- Capital
- Catskill-Hudson
- Central New York
- Erie-Niagara
- Finger Lakes
- Jamestown
- Long Island
- Metropolitan
- Rochester
- Southern Tier
- Utica-Rome
- Westchester-Rockland

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