

Raymond A. Vinson Scholarship Fund Application

All Documents Due
MARCH 1ST



Before his death in 1992, educator Raymond A. Vinson was a nationally known credit union pioneer. He helped form more than 40 Florida credit unions (including the Duval County Teachers Credit Union, founded in 1935, now Community First Credit Union of Florida). Vinson's legacy of dedication, compassion and commitment to the credit union movement will forever touch lives. To honor Raymond A. Vinson, Community First annually awards scholarships annually to five college freshmen up to \$6,000 (\$1,500 annually per student, renewable for four years).

Requirements: **Fill out and return the scholarship application with all supporting documentation by March 1** to be considered for the scholarship

Eligible Applicants will:

- Be a member or dependent of a member of Community First Credit Union with an account in good standing for at least one year.
- Be a high school senior student entering college at the application deadline.
- Demonstrate leadership ability and financial need.
- Attend a two-or-four-year public or private accredited college or university, preferably within the State of Florida.
- Have a high school grade point average of at least 3.0 (unweighted)
- Fill out and return the scholarship application by March 1.
- Recipient may continue the scholarship on an annual basis until graduation, not to exceed four years. A GPA of or at least 2.5 the freshman year and 3.0 each succeeding year are required for continued eligibility.

Selection Criteria:

- Academic Qualifications: A copy of your High school Transcript**
- Financial Need**
Applicants must include **completed free application for Federal Student Aid.**
- Interview**
- Essay**
200-word essay explaining how the scholarship will help the applicant attain his or her educational and financial goals, "How this scholarship will help me achieve my financial goals."
- Two Letters of recommendation**
Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from two of the following people: high school principal, teacher, or guidance counselor; religious or civic leader; and/or a current or former employer.
- Community and Leadership Activities**
Honors and Awards

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The following section is to be completed by your high a school guidance counselor.*
*INCLUDE TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL COURSES, GRADES 9 — 12.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Type/print the information requested. **Include copies** of the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid; financial award letter** from the college or university (if available); **letters of recommendation** from two of the following people: high school principal, teacher or guidance counselor; religious or civic leader; and/or current or former employer and **High School Transcript. You must also submit a 200-word essay explaining, "How this scholarship will help me achieve my financial goals."**

Please direct questions about the Vinson Scholarship to Paula Basihan at Community First Credit Union, 904.371.7921.

Applicant's Name _____ (please print) Date of Birth ____/____/____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

Credit Union Member's Name _____ Account # _____ Length of Membership? _____

Activities List activities in which you have participated (clubs organizations, leadership positions, community activities, employment, etc.). If more space is needed, you may submit one additional typed page.

Activity _____ Year _____ Hrs/Wk _____ Supervisor _____

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Honors & Awards List any recognition you have received.

Honors and Awards Received _____

College Applied to (1st Choice) _____ College Applied to (2nd Choice) _____

Describe Financial Need (Attach additional information as needed)

Total Household Income \$ _____ Additional Income \$ _____ Total Dependents in Household _____

Other Scholarships List any other scholarships you have applied for.

Amount _____ Granted _____ Not Granted _____

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Name of High School _____

Unweighted High School GPA _____
(Grades 9 - 12)

ACT _____

Also Supply One of the Following:

SAT _____

SAT Highest Math _____

SAT Highest Critical Reading _____

H.S. Guidance Counselor's Signature _____

Date _____

Agreement

For Applicant: I hereby certify all information submitted in this application is true and correct. I understand that the Vinson Scholarship is a need-based award, and should I become the recipient of this award if my financial need to pay for college expenses described in this application no longer exist for any reason or if financial aid (other than loans covering college expenses) is provided to the extent that I can no longer use these funds to pay for college expenses, I will inform Community First Credit Union and may forfeit my right to this scholarship so that it can be awarded to the next eligible need-based candidate.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Submission Checklist

- Vinson Scholarship application completed & signed
- Copy of High School Transcript
- Copy of application for Federal Student Aid
- Copy of financial award letter from the college or university (if available)
- Two letters of recommendation
- 200-word essay

Submit all documents by March 1 to:
Community First Credit Union Scholarship
P.O. Box 2600
Jacksonville, Florida 32232